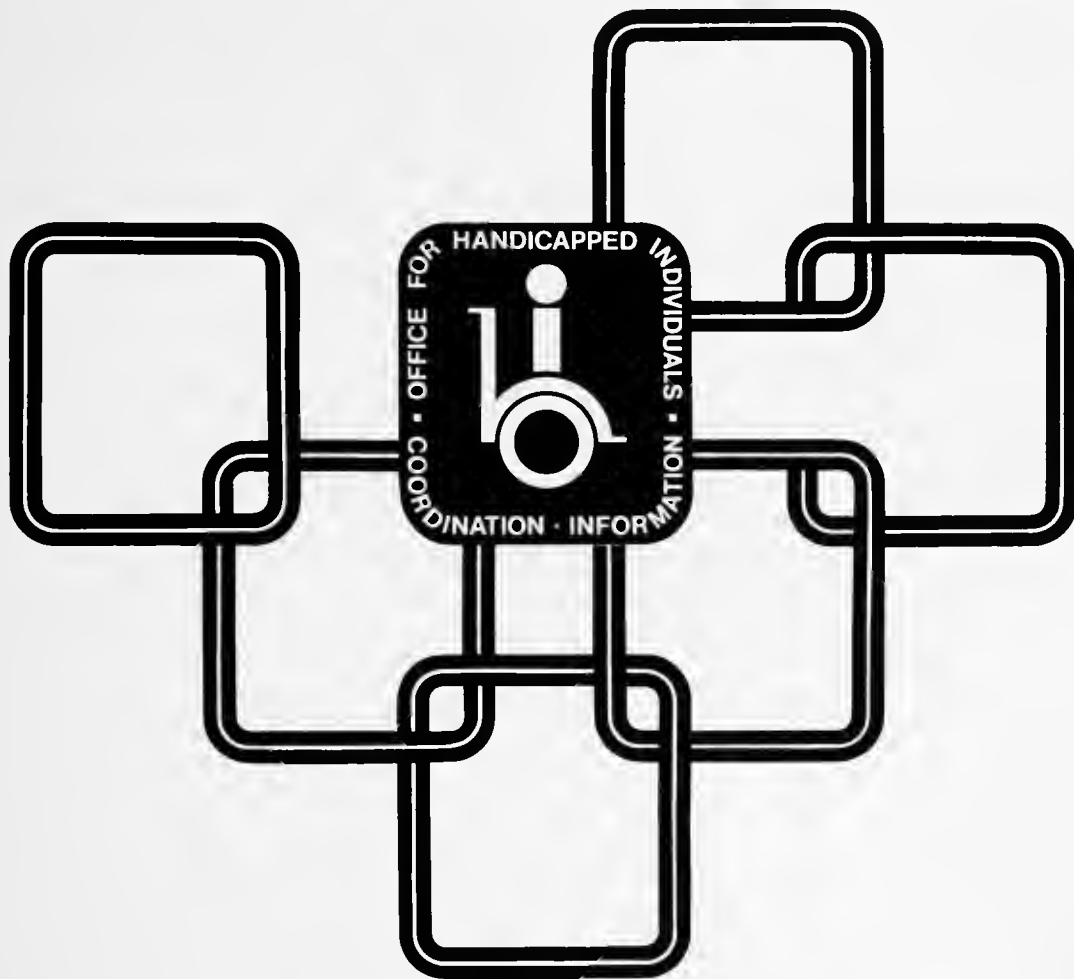


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PREFACE

THE OFFICE FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS (OHI)

The Office for Handicapped Individuals in the Office of Human Development of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare was established by law in 1973. Congress created the Office for Handicapped Individuals as a staff resource for the Office of the Secretary, HEW, to aid planning, goal setting, evaluation, and information collection and dissemination. Its purpose is to provide a coordinating and information focus to the Department's efforts on behalf of handicapped individuals.

A Planning and Coordination Unit of OHI is involved in activities to assess and improve the Department's services for the handicapped. The Clearinghouse on the Handicapped of OHI answers public inquiries and functions as a "broker" of information services by referring inquirers to appropriate national and/or state information sources. The Directory of National Information Sources is one of the first steps in developing the information capability of the Clearinghouse on the Handicapped.

In addition to this direct service to handicapped individuals, service providers and the general public, the Clearinghouse seeks to acquire a better understanding of information needs, especially the unmet ones of the handicapped. It communicates these needs to the field and provides support and technical assistance to forge a network of information providers. It mobilizes resources to fill the gaps and to intensify outreach to improve service for all handicapped individuals. For further information, contact:

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Office for Handicapped Individuals
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ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY

As a first step in becoming knowledgeable about resources in the handicapped field, the Clearinghouse attempted to identify and collect information on national level organizations which would respond to inquiries from the public and professionals on a variety of topics.

Primarily, the organizational units listed in the directory are information and direct service providers; a few are purely direct service providers operating without geographic limitations on clientele. The decision was made to include organizations offering only direct services since information leading clients to these services is often best ob-

tained through the service organization itself. We understand that in many instances, a national level organization dispenses its formation and/or direct services through local outlets; we have listed only the national address, after we were satisfied that an inquirer would be referred by the national office to its appropriate counterparts locally. Organizations serving members only were not included in this directory.

No effort was made to fully represent mental health, alcoholism and drug abuse as these topics are fully treated elsewhere in the Federal Government. A few of the Federal Clearinghouses with comprehensive information in these areas were included in the present directory.

HOW THE DATA WERE GATHERED

In June 1975, the Office for Handicapped Individuals let a contract with the Medical College of Pennsylvania, which subcontracted with Camil Associates of Philadelphia for final design and conduct of the survey. The survey instrument is appended. The contract called for a national survey to identify and document the national level resources relative to the handicapped.

First a check was made of published directories and informal lists from the Office for Handicapped Individuals and other Federal programs, for organizations thought to have an interest in handicapping conditions and thought to be nationally accessible. These organizations were then contacted by telephone to verify that they were national level, not for members only, and dealt with a subject of direct relevance to the handicapped field.

Information was gathered from approximately 465 Federal and private sector organizations through structured mail questionnaires. If no response was received, Camil Associates followed by telephone and administered the entire questionnaire(s) when necessary. Site visits were made to several organizations of a particularly complex nature, to compile as complete a data profile as possible.

The directory contains abstracts on 270 organizations. Eliminations from the original survey universe were made when organizations could not be reached by phone or mail, were obviously outside of the survey criteria, or if they asked to be eliminated from the survey. (A list of organizations which chose not to be included is appended). Each abstract was sent to the pertinent organization for verification before publication of the directory.

PURPOSE OF THIS DIRECTORY

This directory was compiled as a major reference tool to enable the Clearinghouse on the Handicapped to make meaningful referrals in response to public inquiries, and as a service to other information providers to increase their understanding of each other's services and, consequently, to advance the entire field of information relative to the handicapped.

In order for the Clearinghouse to build its own competence as an information provider and to offer quality resources to the field, we solicit your comments and corrections to this directory. As an information provider, your feedback to us--about your clients, their information needs, the usefulness of this directory, and whether the Clearinghouse can aid your efforts in any way--will be important. If organizations which you feel belong in this directory have been omitted, we will be delighted to include them in our next edition. We hope this directory will spark a long-lasting and beneficial dialogue between other information providers and the Clearinghouse on the Handicapped and will increase the knowledge of us all.

HOW TO USE THE INDEX

The index is merely a guide to the organizations that might be relevant to an inquiry. It will put the user on the track of the national organizations that may be able to respond to his need; it cannot substitute for careful reading and screening of the abstracts in the directory for pertinence.

Every attempt was made to be brief and practical. Some organizations are indexed in more detail than others; some subjects are more precisely represented than others. The aim has been to give users useful entries, via index terms, to the organizations that could be helpful.

There are three types of terms in the index: (1) those that describe a disorder (e.g., epilepsy); (2) those that describe a special target population (veterans, children/youth and aged comprise this group); and (3) non-disorder terms that define the subject areas in which organizations have information relative to handicaps (e.g., employment, recreation, equipment).

Disorder Terms

Approximately 113 terms have been used to describe specific disorders or general categories of disorders. If an organization covers "neurological

disorders," it will appear under that disorder category but not under the many specific neurological disorder terms, such as "Epilepsy." If you are looking for all organizations with information on epilepsy, you must therefore look under "Epilepsy" and also under the categories into which epilepsy would fit: i.e. "Neurological Disorders" and "Developmental Disabilities." A note under the "Epilepsy" entry in the index tells you to "See also" these other pertinent categories.

A rule of thumb has been: if the organization covers a disorder ONLY as it relates to the organization's principal disorder interest, the secondary disorder is not used as an index term to find that organization. Thus you will not find under "Diabetes" the organizations concerned with blindness, although blindness is a serious complication of diabetes and many of the organizations listed under "Blindness" may have information on diabetes also.

For organizations covering a single disorder or disorder category, indexing was usually limited to disorder terms. To find out what non-disorder subjects each such organization covers, it will be necessary to refer to the abstracts.

Organizations Covering Several Disorders or Disorder Categories

When an organization covers disorders in more than one disorder category, the organization was indexed by both disorder and non-disorder terms.

If the organization's focus was on a non-disorder subject (such as education) for virtually all handicaps (disorders) or all physical handicaps, that organization was indexed under "Education," but not under the 133 disorders which it conceivably covers in relation to education.

Non-Disorder Terms

As noted, these are used to describe subjects of information provided by organizations with a broad focus on many handicaps. The wide variation in terminology in use by various organizations and our inability to define every term precisely is handled by "See also" references. Thus, a nebulous term like "recreation," if used by an organization, could mean sports, camps, travel, or a number of other things. In the index, then, are "See also" references, under the heading "Recreation" which will alert you to related terms. In many cases you will have to contact the organization to find out whether it covers your specific recreational interest; the index will only have given you a solid lead.

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Abilities, Inc.

See: HUMAN RESOURCES CENTER

ABILITY TOURS, INC.

719 Delaware Avenue, S.W.

Washington, DC 20024

PHONE: 202-554-9068

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general, particularly physical handicaps requiring wheelchair use, such as neurological disorders and musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions. Elderly persons are also covered.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Ability Tours, Inc. was established to expand travel opportunities for handicapped and elderly travelers.

SERVICES: Currently, Ability Tours offers tours in Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg, Virginia; any other destination can be arranged for by groups. The organization arranges for transportation facilities to accommodate wheelchairs; hotel accommodations; a sight-seeing itinerary preplanned for barrier-free access; and a leisure pace geared to the abilities of each particular group. Escorts accompany each tour.

User Eligibility: No specific eligibility requirements have been established for participation. Generally, groups of handicapped or elderly persons book tours and determine their own requirements. Participants are usually accompanied by able-bodied friends or members of their families, though this is not mandatory. Other handicapped or elderly individuals, not members of a specific group, can be accommodated if space permits.

Fees: Information about the tours is provided free of charge. Prices for the tours to Williamsburg and Washington vary.

Notes: Ability Tours was founded by Dr. Donald E. Hawkins, Research Professor, Department of Human Kinetics and Leisure Studies, George Washington University; he is also Director of the Research Utilization, Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. It began operating in 1975. As a young organization, it is attempting to develop innovative tours responsive to the needs of handicapped individuals. Future expansion is planned.

For information, write the organization at the above address.

Academy of Dentistry for the Handicapped

See: NATIONAL FOUNDATION OF DENTISTRY FOR THE HANDICAPPED

ACADEMY OF REHABILITATIVE AUDIOLOGY

c/o Department of Audiology

Wayne State University

261 Mack Bldg.

Detroit, MI 48201

PHONE: 313-577-1393

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments, deaf/blind and communicative impairments in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology (ARA) is a nationwide group of professionals who focus on the rehabilitation of those with hearing and communicative impairments. ARA provides general information about these conditions, as well as information in the following areas relative to hearing and communicative impairments: 1) education and training of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 2) employment of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 3) equipment/special devices/aids, 4) research and 5) rehabilitation (health).

SERVICES: For the professional and lay inquirer, the Academy provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers the inquirer to other information centers and 3) distributes the Academy's journal. The Academy will also make inquiries of other organizations on behalf of the professional inquirer.

Age: ARA has information on persons of all ages with hearing and communicative impairments, with a focus on the rehabilitation of school age children, 4-18 years of age.

User Eligibility: ARA is a professional membership organization, but it will respond to any lay or professional inquiry. Membership by qualified professionals is encouraged. Information on employment opportunities for professionals is limited to members only.

Fees: There is a fee for the organization's journal; other information is free of charge.

Notes: ARA is associated with the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA). Most members of ARA also hold membership with ASHA, though ASHA is not a parent organization. ARA meets twice a year; once in conjunction with ASHA (members only) and once for ARA members and nonmembers, lay and professional. ARA does not have a central address. Inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Edward Hardick at the above address.

ACCENT ON INFORMATION
Gillum Road & High Drive
P.O. Box 700
Bloomington, IL 61701
PHONE: 309-378-4213

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All physical handicaps.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Accent on Information (AOI) is a computer automated retrieval system operated by Accent on Living, Inc. The system contains information designed to help persons with disabilities live more effectively by providing them with information in the following subject and problem areas: 1) products and devices, 2) mobility aids, 3) mobility problems, 4) vocations, 5) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training and rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the handicapped employee, 6) social change, 7) housing and architectural barriers, 8) private and government assistance, 9) organizations, 10) special facilities, 11) special laws and legislation, 12) furniture, 13) business machines, 14) using tools, 15) remote controls, 16) voting (e.g. accessibility of voting booths), 17) formal education of handicapped individuals, 18) activities of daily living, 19) communications, 20) recreation and 21) physical education. The information service is particularly strong in the areas of activities of daily living and equipment/special devices/aids. AOI does not include a large amount of information on research; however, it does include isolated pieces of information on research of specific importance to disabled people, e.g. spinal cord injury research, new mobility aids, etc.

SERVICES: To request information, an individual should write AOI specifically describing the subject or problem area of interest and his/her disability in as much detail as possible. Presently, searches are made manually from indexed computer printouts of the AOI files. An AOI staff member reviews the results of the search and prepares a final answer (frequently abstracts) which is sent to the individual. Because of the growing number of items in the AOI files, in the near future AOI expects to begin making the searches by computer.

User Eligibility: The information provided is oriented to the handicapped individual; however, professionals working with handicapped individuals would also find this information of interest.

Fees: There is a \$3.00 search charge for each topic, plus \$.25 for each photocopied page supplied. The service is free to handicapped individuals unable to pay. Charges for searches performed by computer will probably differ from the price quoted for a manual search.

Notes: Accent on Living, Inc., of which AOI is a part, was founded by Raymond C. Cheever over 20 years ago. It publishes ACCENT ON LIVING MAGAZINE. For information, call or write the Information Specialist at the above address.

ADVENTURES IN MOVEMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED
945 Danbury Road
Dayton, OH 45420
PHONE: 513-294-4611

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sensory impairments in general, communicative impairments in general, musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions in general, neurological disorders in general, autism, learning disabilities, mental retardation, psychoneuroses and psychoses.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of Adventures in Movement (AIM) is to provide movement education for children with handicaps. AIM sponsors training programs nationwide for teachers in the AIM method of movement (described in Notes below) and encourages the teaching of movement to blind, deaf, retarded, crippled and emotionally disturbed children. AIM also maintains its own Training Center in Dayton, Ohio for children who are preschool age or too severely handicapped to be in a school environment.

SERVICES: Adventures in Movement provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 5) provides a film, MAYBE TOMORROW, describing the AIM method and 6) sends the organization's newsletter. Since the goal of AIM is to make AIM training available to every handicapped child, much of the organization's available information concerns the AIM method and its successes. Referrals are frequently made to local boards of education whose schools use the AIM method. A major activity of AIM is the training of teachers in the AIM method. AIM conducts workshops nationwide to provide this training which includes a showing of the film, MAYBE TOMORROW, teacher participation in basic AIM exercises, demonstrations with students using the AIM method and creative ideas and specialty work for the various handicaps. Each workshop is planned to meet the particular needs of the sponsoring group; additional sessions may be scheduled for groups needing more involved work. The handbook ADVENTURES IN MOVEMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED, which describes the actual exercises used in AIM classes and presents a wide range of ideas to stimulate movement, is available to workshop participants and other interested persons.

Age: The information provided relates primarily to school aged children 6-18 years. However, the program is adaptable to younger and older ages and is currently being used with persons 15 months to 55 years.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from Adventures in Movement. Any lay or professional person wishing to volunteer to teach the AIM method, is eligible for AIM training.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge; however, there is a charge for the organization's film. Training is provided free in the Dayton area and at cost elsewhere.

Notes: Adventures in Movement was founded in 1958 to promote the teaching of movement using the AIM method. The AIM method is presented in five levels of movement (infant through adult), and can be adapted to any type of handicap to simple, rhythmical exercises involving fine and gross motor muscles. These repeated movements provide children with an awareness of timing which is carried into learning (speaking, writing, reading, counting). The AIM class is a structured session lasting thirty minutes: 10-15 minutes - series of rhythmical exercises given in constant sequence; 5-10 minutes - gross motor movements using walks, jumps, hops, skips and slides; 5-10 minutes creative movement, set routine, or fun activity to enhance movement. According to the organization, muscle control coordination and self-image can be greatly improved when AIM is used on a regular basis. AIM also sponsors a national seminar annually. For information, call or write the Coordinator of Educational Programs at the above address.

AID TO ADOPTION OF SPECIAL KIDS
3530 Grand Avenue
Suite 202
Oakland, CA 94610
PHONE: 415-451-1748

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Aid to Adoption of Special Kids (AASK) was created to help "special kids", including those with handicaps of various kinds, find permanent adoptive homes. It serves as an information exchange between licensed adoption agencies and adoptive parents for promoting the permanent placement of "difficult to place" children including older children, sibling groups, emotionally disturbed, minority and mentally and physically handicapped children.

SERVICES: Although not a national licensed agency, AASK affects the national adoption scene by providing information on families and children available for adoption. AASK maintains a file of available children who have been referred directly by caseworkers, and supplements this file with information gathered by other agencies throughout the U.S.; a register of families seeking to adopt special kids is also maintained. By collecting this information, AASK acts as an intermediary between children released for adoption, adoptive parents and licensed adoption agencies. AASK also provides public information on the availability and needs of adoptable handicapped children, resources available to adoptive families, and proper adoption procedures. Requests for information from the lay and professional public are answered individually by phone or

letter. In addition, the layperson is provided with brochures, pamphlets, fact sheets and the organization's newsletter. AASK will also make inquiries of other organizations on the professional inquirer's behalf.

Age: AASK concerns itself with information on children 0-18 years of age. Information about children 9 years and older, is particularly emphasized.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from AASK. Most frequent users of the information services are adoptive families, families interested in adopting handicapped children and adoption agencies.

Fees: No fees are charged for information or other services.

Notes: Aid to Adoption of Special Kids was founded in the early 1970's by Dorothy and Bob DeBolt, who are themselves the parents of 13 adopted children, including minority and handicapped children. AASK was formed to convey the message that "there is no such thing as an unadoptable child; only those who are unadopted." AASK provides assistance to families after adoption, directing them to available resources including schools, therapy, subsidies and parent groups for special children. Occasionally, AASK is able to help a family financially when no other assistance is available.

AASK is licensed in the State of Nevada as a Child Placing Agency and has applied for a license in the State of California. For information, call or write AASK at the above address.

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF
3417 Volta Place
Washington, DC 20007
PHONE: 202-337-5220

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments and communicative impairments resulting from hearing loss.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Association maintains an information center on deafness, with general information about hearing loss and its consequences. In addition, information is provided on the education of personnel dealing with deaf individuals and on equipment/special devices/aids. The Association seeks to encourage the teaching of speech, speech-reading and the use of residual hearing and arranges special courses, lectures and discussions on these topics. It makes continuous efforts to assist schools for deaf persons to implement better teaching methods.

SERVICES: The Association is a membership organization; however, information is provided to both members and nonmembers, lay and professional. In response to specific requests, the Association provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter,

2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends films or other audiovisuals, 5) permits on-site use of the Association's holdings, 6) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 7) sends the organization's newsletter.

User Eligibility: Information is provided to any lay or professional person interested in hearing impairment. Special sections of the Association concentrate on providing information and other assistance to parents of the deaf, adult deaf and educators of the deaf.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge; however, there is a charge for membership in the Association or one of its sections. There is a fee for some publications.

Notes: The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf was founded in 1890. It has three sections in addition to the main organization. 1) The American Organization for the Education of the Hearing Impaired is an organization of professional educators of the hearing impaired, administrators, teacher educators and teachers. Its goal is to promote excellence in the educational and communicative processes and to stimulate exchange of information among educators. 2) The International Parents' Organization is an organization of parents of hearing impaired children and others concerned with educational, social, psychological and vocational needs of these children. 3) The Oral Deaf Adults Section (ODAS) attempts to encourage and inspire all concerned with deafness so that deaf children and adults may improve their educational, vocational and social opportunities in the hearing world through cultivation of their speech, speech-reading and residual hearing. To be eligible for membership in this section, a person must be at least 21 years old, and must demonstrate habitual use of speech and speech-reading and the attainment of satisfactory educational, occupational and social adjustment among the hearing through the use of oral communication. ODAS members talk and write about their experiences to show by example what a deaf person can accomplish if given the proper training and education. Members sometimes travel to present programs and do consulting.

The Association has a lending library for members and a public library, archival in nature, which is for public reference. It contains some of Alexander Graham Bell's notebooks and both his and his father's books (a private collection of 10,000 books). It is one of the largest libraries in the world on deafness and was recently designated a National Historical Landmark. This library participates in interlibrary loan but will not lend books directly to the public. A cumulative list of holdings appears in the index of the organization's journal, the VOLTA REVIEW. The Association sponsors annual scholarship awards for deaf college students. These awards are available for oral deaf students who were born with profound hearing impairment or lost their hearing before acquiring language, and who are attending regular, full-time colleges or universities. The annual deadline for applications is April 15.

The Information Director is the best person to contact for information on all aspects of A.G. Bell.

ALLERGY FOUNDATION OF AMERICA
801 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10017
PHONE: 212-684-7875

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Allergic diseases, including asthma.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Allergy Foundation of America (AFA) was established by a group of allergy specialists to unite the public, the medical profession, research scientists and public health workers in a campaign to increase knowledge of the causes of, and best treatment for asthma and the allergic diseases. Its purposes are to: 1) support basic research in the allergic diseases and 2) extend professional training in the field of immunology. The Foundation provides information to the general public on allergic diseases and regional lists of qualified allergists, upon request.

SERVICES: The Foundation provides pamphlets, fact sheets and films or other audiovisual materials to lay and professional inquirers. For lay inquirers, it will also answer inquiries by phone or letter and refer inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers (allergists and clinics). The Foundation is in the process of developing a newsletter for members. Professional speakers for public meetings are also arranged for by the Foundation.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from AFA. Persons suffering from allergic diseases and their families are the most frequent inquirers.

Fees: Most information is provided free; however, small fees are charged for some pamphlets.

Notes: The Foundation was established in 1953. It is a national organization with local chapters. The Foundation currently provides research scholarship grants to medical students to encourage them to enter the field of Allergy and Immunology as postdoctoral fellows. It also awards postdoctoral fellowship grants to support specialist training of a greater number of qualified allergists for practice and research. The AFA is endorsed by the American Academy of Allergy, the American College of Allergists, the American Association for Clinical Immunology and Allergy, the American Association for Certified Allergists and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. For information, call or write the Foundation at the above address.

ALS Foundation

See: NATIONAL ALS FOUNDATION, INC.

AMERICAN ACADEMY FOR CEREBRAL PALSY

1255 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20036

PHONE: 202-659-8251

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Cerebral palsy and related neurological conditions, mental retardation, convulsive disorders, muscular dystrophies, chromosomal aberrations, childhood perceptual and conceptual disturbances, communicative problems and specific learning disabilities.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy (AACP) is a multidisciplinary scientific society devoted to the study of cerebral palsy and related disorders. It was founded to foster and stimulate professional education, research and interest in the problems involved in understanding these disorders and improving the care and rehabilitation of their victims. The Academy supports the exchange of ideas and information among physicians in the major medical disciplines and specialists in education, psychology, speech, ophthalmology and related disciplines. The Academy is a source of information on the following topics: 1) education and training of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 2) employment, including rights, hiring regulations and special needs of handicapped individuals, 3) rehabilitation (health) and 4) research.

SERVICES: The Academy provides the following information services to lay inquirers: 1) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf. The journal, DEVELOPMENTAL MEDICINE AND CHILD NEUROLOGY is its official journal and an important information source. Members contribute original articles and reports regularly.

User Eligibility: Although the Academy is a membership organization, any lay or professional person may request information. Handicapped individuals, their families and friends and professionals working with handicapped individuals are the most frequent users of the information service.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. There are fees for membership and for subscription to DEVELOPMENTAL MEDICINE AND CHILD NEUROLOGY.

Notes: The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy was founded in 1948 by an orthopedic surgeon, two pediatricians, a neurosurgeon and a specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation. There are two principal classes of membership: 1) Fellowship, for individuals with a doctoral degree who manifest a significant interest in cerebral palsy and 2) Associate Membership, for non-doctorate professional workers who have been active in the field of cerebral palsy or other handicapping disorders for at least three years.

The Academy convenes an annual meeting and conducts three-day "Regional Courses" in various major cities, under the sponsorship of its Committee on Continuing Education. It fosters research through a program of small "seed" grants to projects approved by its Research and Awards Committee.

The Academy maintains active liaison with the National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, the United Cerebral Palsy Associations, and allied professional societies, such as the American Academies of Orthopedic Surgeons, Pediatrics, and Neurology and the American Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. For information, contact the Academy at the above address.

AMERICAN ACADEMY ON MENTAL RETARDATION

916 64th Avenue East

Tacoma, WA 98424

PHONE: 206-922-5859

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental retardation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The primary goal of the American Academy on Mental Retardation (AAMR) is to share information on research in mental retardation. The Academy is composed of members from diverse disciplines and is an adjunct organization to the American Association on Mental Deficiency. General information on mental retardation is collected in addition to information on current research.

SERVICES: In response to requests for information from both lay and professional persons, the Academy will send individualized replies by letter or refer inquirers to other information centers when necessary. A newsletter, primarily for members, will soon be published.

User Eligibility: AAMR is a membership organization, but any lay or professional person may request information. Frequent inquirers are researchers in the field of mental retardation.

Fees: Information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The American Academy on Mental Retardation is an organization composed of professionals engaged in research. AAMR does not support or sponsor research but rather is a forum for reporting on research undertaken by the membership. The annual meeting of the Academy is held jointly with the American Association on Mental Deficiency. AAMR does not have a national office. Inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Gail O'Connor, the present Secretary, at the above address.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS Committee on Children with Handicaps

1801 Hinman Avenue

Evanston, IL 60204

PHONE: 312-869-4255

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is the Pan-American association of physicians certified in the care of infants, children and adolescents and organized for the primary purpose of ensuring the attainment, by all children, of their full potential for physical, emotional and social health. It supports standards for professional education and child health care, offers opportunities for continuing education and is active in many forums to support and initiate improved care for children.

The Academy is a source of information on the health aspects of handicapping conditions affecting children, including: 1) prevention, 2) diagnostic evaluation, 3) treatment, 4) rehabilitation and 5) maintenance.

The AAP's Committee on Children with Handicaps is a national committee with counterparts on the chapter level. It makes recommendations to the Academy on related subjects, interprets Federal legislation and regulations affecting handicapped children and responds to specific charges from the Academy, such as examining guidelines for the reimbursement of families of handicapped children via supplemental income.

SERVICES: The Academy provides the following information services to professionals: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) distributes the Academy's newsletter and 4) permits on-site use of its holdings. Lay inquirers are referred to other information centers.

The Academy distributes a brochure describing its publications; one section is on the handicapped child. Two manuals on Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) guidelines were developed under a Federal grant and are available for distribution. The Academy publishes PEDIATRICS, a monthly professional journal of original research articles. Also published are numerous committee reports, manuals and an annual report.

Age: The Academy is a source of information on children from birth to 21 years of age.

User Eligibility: The information services of the Academy are geared to meet the needs of physicians and researchers. Although the Academy is a membership organization, information is provided to both members and nonmembers. Pediatricians are the most frequent inquirers.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge; however, fees are charged for some publications, journal subscription and membership.

Notes: The American Academy of Pediatrics was incorporated in 1930. It is a professional membership organization with chapters in each of the 50 States, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

For its members, the Academy holds spring and annual meetings which provide seminars and round tables for professional education. Continuing education courses are also available. Ten classifications of membership are available, depending on training, experience, residence and other qualifications.

Academy representatives serve on the American Board of Pediatrics as well as on the Residency Review Committee for Pediatrics which is responsible for approving residency training programs in U.S. hospitals. The Academy is also working to establish standards for pediatric residency training programs in Latin America and is collaborating with several nursing groups on a national certification program for the pediatric nurse associate.

A Residency Fellowship fund provides grants of up to \$2,000 each to needy first and second year pediatric residents. The recipients are selected by a Committee on Residency Fellowships.

The Academy maintains a small library of pediatric journals and books. It maintains liaisons with professional groups throughout the United States, Latin American and other areas. For information, contact the Academy at the above address.

AMERICAN ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION

Physical Education and Recreation for the Handicapped:

Information and Research Utilization Center

1201 16th Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20036

PHONE: 202-833-5547

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sensory impairments in general, communicative impairments in general, musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions in general, neurological disorders in general, blood disorders in general, cardiovascular disorders in general, respiratory conditions in general, metabolic/nutritional disorders in general, mental/emotional disorders in general and all combinations of the above.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Physical Education and Recreation for the Handicapped: Information and Research Utilization Center (IRUC) is designed to collect, categorize, interpret, package/repackage and disseminate information and materials about activities, methods, ongoing programs, personnel preparation, promising practices, research, demonstration and other pertinent data on physical education/adapted physical education recreation/therapeutic recreation and related areas for individuals with various handicapping conditions. In addition, IRUC has general information on disabling conditions, as well as information on: 1) education and employment of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 2) health, including diagnostic evaluation and rehabilitation, 3) psychosocial services, 4) activities of daily living and 5) equipment/special devices/aids.

SERVICES: IRUC offers a variety of special services to interested inquirers. These include: 1) abstracts with information about publications, books, curriculum guides, program descriptions, child use materials, research studies, audiovisual materials, demonstration projects, diagnostic instruments and project reports, 2) reprints of hard to find or out-of-print materials, 3) special customized searches of titles, library and other sources providing detailed information and materials about an inquirer's topic, 4) guides, information sheets and previously prepared bibliographies and 5) books and other publications

of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. IRUC also makes available mailing labels or listings of organizations, agencies, resource people and ongoing programs to interested inquirers, distributes materials, fliers, brochures, announcements and other materials to the IRUC mailing list and provides consulting services for all types of programs at all levels. Other information services include: 1) answers to inquiries by phone or letter, 2) referral to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) making inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) films or other audiovisuals and 5) on-site use of the IRUC collection of materials.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional inquirer may request information and services from IRUC. The Center attempts to tailor materials, presentations and requests to the individual or group involved.

Fees: Fees vary according to the particular materials and services provided. Free services include: answers to inquiries by phone or letter, referral, brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and on-site use of holdings.

Special Information Services: IRUC has developed a computer automated retrieval system containing information on resources, programs and personnel. The data base is updated several times a year and is available for IRUC staff use and for purchase. The base price is \$30.00/ 1,000 retrievals, with additional costs for special searches.

Notes: IRUC is sponsored by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (AAHPER). The Center, which began operation in 1972 as a demonstration project supported by the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped, U.S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is attempting to become self-supporting.

Its sponsoring organization, AAHPER, founded in 1885, is a voluntary professional organization. The seven associations which make up the Alliance are: 1) American Association for Leisure and Recreation, 2) American School and Community Safety Association, 3) Association for the Advancement of Health Education, 4) Association for Research, Administration, Professional Councils and Societies, 5) National Association for Girls and Women in Sport, 6) National Association for Sport and Physical Education and 7) National Dance Association. For information, call or write IRUC at the above address.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE
Project on the Handicapped in Science
Office of Opportunities in Science
1776 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
PHONE: 202-467-4497

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All physical handicaps.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Project on the Handicapped in Science is designed to explore the barriers obstructing the entry and full participation of physically handicapped persons to education and employment opportunities in science and to examine and evaluate ways in which the scientific professional associations can contribute to equal educational and occupational opportunity. The Project hopes to accomplish the following in its initial phase: 1) a heightened awareness on the part of professional societies, their members and organizations of and for handicapped individuals of the problems of handicapped persons in science, 2) wider participation in the activities of the professional associations by their handicapped members, 3) establishment of a network that joins the science community, educators and employers to the organizations and agencies of and for handicapped individuals in order to remove career barriers, 4) changes in educational and employer's policy as it relates to education and hiring of handicapped individuals and 5) development of a national resource center for information on educational opportunities, employment trends, legislation and similar areas of concern. The Project is also developing programs to improve the science education available to handicapped youth, including programs on career education, pre-service and in-service training of science educators and an inventory of science resources for handicapped students. The Project's information is particularly strong in the areas of the accessibility of professional meetings, education and employment in science and assistance available for handicapped individuals through professional associations.

SERVICES: The Project provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. AAAS also makes tapes on many scientific subjects available to handicapped scientists.

The Project makes information on careers in science (including the behavioral, natural, applied, biomedical, social and mathematical sciences) available to interested handicapped students through referral. The Project will refer the student to: 1) an individual in the professional association related to his/her career choice, 2) a scientist with a similar handicap who can give advice and support and 3) a consumer group that deals with his/her areas of disability. The Project also counsels many students on a one-to-one basis to offer advice on career options and choices before referring the individual to a particular association.

Two publications of the Project have particular information value. These are: BARRIER-FREE MEETING: A GUIDE FOR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS and the proceedings of a symposium held at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) annual meeting entitled PROCEEDINGS: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND THE HANDICAPPED. In keeping with the Project goal and the goal of AAAS to make professional meetings accessible to handicapped members, the annual meeting of AAAS is completely accessible to all handicapped persons. These persons are encouraged to come and

participate and special services are provided, such as transportation to and from terminals, interpreting services for the deaf, wheelchair repair and similar services.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Project. Frequent inquirers include: 1) the 291 affiliated scientific societies of AAAS, 2) handicapped members of the AAAS or its affiliates, 3) handicapped students in science or interested in pursuing a career in science, 4) organizations of handicapped individuals (consumer organizations) and 5) organizations and agencies for handicapped individuals.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. There is a small charge for publications.

Notes: The Project on the Handicapped in Science began in 1975 as a project of the Office of Opportunities in Science (OOS) which, since 1974, has been a national center for the concerns of handicapped individuals in science and a proponent of the need for improved science career information and education for physically disabled youth. The purposes of OOS (established by AAAS in January 1973) are to: 1) increase the number of minorities, women and handicapped persons in the natural, social and applied sciences, 2) increase the kinds of opportunities available to these groups and 3) increase the participation of minority, women and handicapped scientists and engineers in policy making, advisory and managerial positions. The Office maintains a clearinghouse of information concerning minorities, women and handicapped in science and serves as a liaison with other professional associations and with the Scientific Manpower Commission, in addition to operating the Project. In each step of its development, the Project has enlisted the advice and recommendations of handicapped scientists. Over 500 physically disabled scientists have identified themselves and offered their services not only to this Project but to other professional societies to which they belong. For information, write Dr. Martha Redden at the above address.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE SEVERELY/PROFOUNDLY
HANDICAPPED
P.O. Box 15287
Seattle, WA 98115
PHONE: 206-543-4011 ext.225

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The goals of the American Association for the Education of the Severely/Profoundly Handicapped (AAESPH) are to: 1) function as an advocate organization for the development and implementation of educational services for the severely and profoundly handicapped from birth through adulthood in the public school sector, 2) serve as a separate entity in advocating the development of relevant pre-service and in-service teacher training programs and of specialized

doctoral level teacher training, research and instructional design personnel, 3) develop and disseminate training packages, instructional programs and materials pertinent to educational programs for severely and profoundly handicapped individuals and 4) facilitate parent involvement in all program services for its client group. AAESPH serves as an information source in all areas related to severely/profoundly handicapped individuals. These areas include: 1) education, including education of handicapped individuals and professionals working with them, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of handicapped employees and employment of personnel working with handicapped persons, 3) housing, 4) transportation, 5) health, including prevention, diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 6) psycho-social services, 7) income maintenance/security, 8) recreation/physical education, 9) activities of daily living, 10) equipment/ special devices/aids, 11) civil rights/legislation, 12) religion and 13) research.

SERVICES: For lay and professional inquirers, the Association provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 6) prepares bibliographies, abstracts or indexes in response to certain individual requests and 7) permits on-site use of the Association's holdings. For professionals, the Association will also answer inquiries by phone.

AAESPH has developed several avenues of communication to insure the rapid dissemination of information to its membership. It publishes the REVIEW, a bimonthly journal of original articles and a monthly NEWS-LETTER on advances, practices and trends in education. Other materials have been developed for a wider audience.

Research undertaken by AAESPH is reported annually in TEACHING THE SEVERELY/ PROFOUNDLY HANDICAPPED. A HUMAN RESOURCES guide of professional contacts is currently available. Other resources include extensive annotated bibliographies on vocational training, induced behavioral change, curriculum guidelines, manual skill training and other topics.

User Eligibility: The Association is a membership organization; however, any lay or professional person may request information. Frequent inquirers are encouraged to join the Association.

Fees: Fees are charged for some publications. All other information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The American Association for the Education of the Severely/ Profoundly Handicapped was founded in November, 1974. Its membership is open to all interested persons and is composed of personnel in higher education, State institutions and public schools, students and parents. Its foundation was largely in response to the changes in legislation governing education and the emphasis on mainstreaming handicapped students. AAESPH holdings are limited to office files of books, catalogs and program descriptions; these files are not comprehensive. For information, call or write the Executive Director at the above address.

American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation
See: AMERICAN ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION

American Association for Inhalation Therapy
See: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR RESPIRATORY THERAPY

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ON MENTAL DEFICIENCY
5201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20015
PHONE: 202-686-5400

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental retardation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Association on Mental Deficiency (AAMD) is an organization of professionals in the field of mental retardation. Its purposes are to: 1) disseminate information and promote information exchange among professionals about the most recent knowledge in the field of mental retardation, its prevention and amelioration, 2) increase the skills of professionals and paraprofessionals working in the field of mental retardation through continuing education, 3) develop and disseminate instruments and other materials to help define mental retardation, and provide guidelines to professionals, legislators and the public about the rights of retarded persons through the development of official position statements, 4) set standards for services to retarded persons through accreditations, litigation and legislation (AAMD provides qualified witnesses, when necessary) and 5) educate the public to understand, accept and respect mentally retarded persons. Information is also provided in the following areas: 1) vocational rehabilitation and training, 2) activities of daily living, 3) religion and 4) research. AAMD's information is particularly strong in the areas of rights of retarded persons, the definition of mental retardation and the concept of adaptive behavior.

SERVICES: AAMD provides the following information services to professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts (mostly on adaptive behavior) and 3) permits on-site use of its holdings. Lay inquirers are referred to other information centers and sent brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, on request. Occasionally, AAMD will make inquiries of other organizations on either a lay or professional inquirer's behalf. Much of the information provided by AAMD is disseminated through its journals, other publications and conventions. AAMD publishes the AMERICAN JOURNAL ON MENTAL DEFICIENCY, a research journal and MENTAL RETARDATION. AAMD has developed an ADAPTIVE BEHAVIOR SCALE, a behavior rating scale for mentally retarded and emotionally maladjusted persons. This Scale allows persons who work with mentally retarded individuals to describe clearly and comprehensively an individual's daily functioning and provides information for those planning education, training and habilitation programs. The Scale has been modified for use with school children. AAMD also produced the MANUAL ON TERMINOLOGY AND CLASSIFICATION IN MENTAL RETARDATION and is currently preparing a statement on research in mental retardation and a handbook on consent,

which includes consent of mentally retarded persons to be research subjects. In addition, AAMD makes available various position papers on issues in mental retardation.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from AAMD; however, AAMD is most interested in serving professional inquirers. Others are usually referred to other information sources. Frequent inquirers include professionals and researchers.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees for publications vary.

Notes: The American Association on Mental Deficiency began in 1876 at the Pennsylvania Training School in Media, Pennsylvania. Originally organized by medical officers, the membership now includes persons from a variety of disciplines including administrators, educators, psychologists and social workers. The organization has 16 divisions: 1) education, 2) general, 3) medicine, 4) recreation, 5) residential living, 6) vocational rehabilitation, 7) occupational and physical therapy, 8) administration, 9) psychology, 10) nursing, 11) religion, 12) social work, 13) nutrition and dietetics, 14) private residential facilities, 15) speech pathology and audiology and 16) legal process. Local chapters operate nationwide. AAMD is affiliated with the International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency, American Academy on Mental Retardation, World Federation of Mental Health, Mexican Society for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency, University Affiliated Facilities and Bahamas Association for the Mentally Retarded; it is a member of the Accreditation Council for Psychiatric Facilities, National Coalition on Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

AAMD sponsors an annual national convention and periodic regional conventions and workshops. Holdings include AAMD's journals and books and directories related to mental retardation and developmental disabilities. For information, write AAMD at the above address; include your phone number.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRIC
SERVICES FOR CHILDREN
1701 18th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20009
PHONE: 202-332-7071

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental/emotional disorders in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children (AAPSC) is a multidisciplinary group of child mental health agencies and professionals. Its main purposes are to: 1) encourage the highest quality standards for clinical practice, training and services, 2) offer a national focus for the clinical point of view, 3) represent this perspective in professional and public areas, 4) provide consultation to members and others on all aspects of service delivery including

administration, accreditation, standards, financing, training, research and continuing education, 5) foster prevention of mental and emotional disorders of the young, 6) further the responsible development and application of clinical knowledge, 7) provide a clearinghouse of information relevant to the field and 8) support and/or undertake research projects dealing with child mental health. Specific information is provided in the following areas: 1) education of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 2) employment of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 3) health, including prevention of disease, diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 4) psycho-social services and 5) civil rights/legislation. (AAPSC serves as an advocate for its membership in Washington and reports on its activities.)

SERVICES: AAPSC provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to direct service providers (mostly to its own member agencies) or other information centers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

Age: The subject matter of the information provided by AAPSC concerns children and adolescents 0-21 years of age.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association. However, AAPSC is a membership organization and certain services are restricted to members.

Fees: All general information is provided free of charge. Fees are levied for direct consultation services provided by AAPSC to non-members; fees for these services are \$250.00/day for site visits.

Notes: According to the Association, the American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children is the only multidisciplinary group of child mental health agencies and professionals in the country. It was founded in 1948 and has a membership of 200 psychiatric clinics or services in the United States and over 100 individual members. Member agencies, public and private, employ nearly 10,000 professionals and paraprofessionals and provide both inpatient and outpatient care. Members also include departments of child psychiatry, residential treatment centers and community mental health centers. For information, write the organization at the above address.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR REHABILITATION THERAPY
P.O. Box 93
North Little Rock, AR 72116
PHONE: 501-372-8861 ext. 708

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Association for Rehabilitation Therapy (AART) is a professional society largely consisting of therapists and specialists in the medical rehabilitation field. It is an

inclusive organization open to all persons, working or interested in rehabilitation. The purposes of the Association are to: 1) promote the use of curative and technical modalities within the scope, philosophy and approved medical concepts of rehabilitation, 2) advance the practice of medical rehabilitation, 3) establish and advance standards of education and training for rehabilitation therapists, 4) encourage and further research and 5) cooperate with other organizations in the realization of common objectives. The Association specializes in providing information about careers in rehabilitation therapy and has employment and training information for rehabilitation therapists.

SERVICES: For professionals, the Association answers inquiries by letter and distributes the newsletters of the various sections of AART, on request. Both lay and professional inquirers are sent brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

Publications of the Association include: 1) the DIRECTORY OF THE REGISTRY OF MEDICAL REHABILITATION THERAPISTS AND SPECIALISTS, 2) the quarterly AMERICAN ARCHIVES OF REHABILITATION THERAPY and 3) the quarterly REHABILITATION THERAPY.

User Eligibility: The Association is a membership organization, and many of its services are specifically for members. Nonmembers are provided with information on careers in rehabilitation therapy. Professionals in rehabilitation therapy are the most frequent inquirers. AART also receives requests for career information from educational counselors and high school students. Membership is open to professionals in rehabilitation therapy and others interested in the field.

Fees: The Association will answer simple requests for information free of charge. Fees are charged for certain brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, publications and for membership in the Association.

Notes: The American Association for Rehabilitation Therapy was established in 1959 and is divided into four professional sections: 1) Educational Therapy, 2) Manual Arts and Industrial Therapy, 3) Recreation Therapy and 4) Rehabilitation Therapy. The Association sponsors the Registry of Medical Rehabilitation Therapists and Specialists which certifies qualified medical rehabilitation therapists and specialists who meet the educational and experience requirements. The Association meets annually in a scientific and clinical National Rehabilitation Conference sponsored jointly with the Association of Medical Rehabilitation Directors and Coordinators. These conferences offer scientific, clinical, educational, research and other professional presentations in lectures, panels and seminars. For information, write the Association at the above address.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR RESPIRATORY THERAPY
7411 Hines Place
Suite 101
Dallas, TX 75235
PHONE: 214-630-3540

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Respiratory conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Association for Respiratory Therapy (AART) is a professional organization founded to: 1) encourage, develop and provide educational programs for those persons interested in the field of respiratory therapy, 2) advance the science, technology, ethics and art of respiratory therapy through institutes, meetings, lectures, publications and other materials and 3) facilitate cooperation between respiratory therapy personnel and the medical profession, hospitals, service companies, industry, governmental organizations and other agencies interested in respiratory therapy.

AART provides information on education, professional training and career opportunities for respiratory therapists. Information is also provided on diagnostic evaluation and treatment of respiratory conditions and on equipment/special devices/aids for use in respiratory therapy.

SERVICES: AART will refer lay inquirers to direct service providers and send them brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets on request. The Association's services are, however, geared more to meeting the needs of professionals. In response to professional inquiries, AART will send an individualized reply by letter, brochures, pamphlets, fact sheets and other publications, including the organization's newsletter. The Association also publishes RC RESPIRATORY CARE, a monthly journal reporting original investigations and procedures as a service to allied health professionals in pulmonary medicine.

User Eligibility: Although AART is a professional membership organization, any lay or professional person may request information. However, services are used primarily by professionals in the field of respiratory care.

Fees: Most information is provided free; fees are charged for the newsletter, the journal and for membership.

Notes: The American Association for Respiratory Therapy was founded in 1947 and is organized by regional and State chapters. Annual meetings are held on the national, regional and State levels. The Association also conducts workshops, institutes and seminars.

AART strives to set and maintain high professional standards in the field and has established criteria for certification of respiratory therapists. AART is affiliated with the following organizations: National Board for Respiratory Therapy, American Respiratory Therapy Foundation and the Joint Review Committee for Respiratory Therapy Education. Other affiliations include: American College of Chest Physicians; American Society of Anesthesiologists; and American Thoracic Society.

For information, write the Executive Director at the above address.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED PROGRAMS
FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED
1100 17th Street, N.W.
Suite 908
Washington, DC 20036
PHONE: 202-333-7880

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Developmental disabilities, including cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, mental retardation and other handicapping conditions closely related to mental retardation in terms of general intellectual functioning or impairment.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of the American Association of University Affiliated Programs for the Developmentally Disabled is to provide a central office and focal point for a number of activities of importance to the 35 University Affiliated Facilities located throughout the United States. The University Affiliated Facilities (UAF) program which the Association coordinates is the first major interdisciplinary approach to meeting the needs of developmentally disabled persons. The program provides for comprehensive and interdisciplinary training of a broad range of professional and paraprofessional persons working with disabled individuals. It also strives to provide model systems incorporating a full range of services such as comprehensive and interdisciplinary screening, evaluation, treatment planning and educational programming. Training sites are located at, or affiliated with, leading colleges and universities throughout the country.

The Association office also provides agencies of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (DHEW) involved with the UAF program with a central place for communicating with all of the facilities and for addressing issues of coordination within DHEW. In addition, the office works with congressional committees and other congressional staff on legislative matters affecting the entire program. General information is provided about the University Affiliated Facilities, as well as information in the following areas: 1) education and employment of personnel dealing with developmentally disabled persons, 2) exemplary services and technical assistance provided by the UAFs and 3) the interdisciplinary training of personnel dealing with mentally retarded or developmentally disabled persons.

SERVICES: The Association provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, such as services or training programs in specific locales, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) sends the organization's newsletter which contains information about activities at each of the centers and at the national level including legislation and other matters of interest or importance to the program. The Association has a listing of the training activities available at different centers. This listing is available to students who are interested in receiving interdisciplinary training in the field of developmental disabilities.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association. Groups which the Association routinely serves, and which it was particularly established to serve include: 1) the Office of Developmental Disabilities, DHEW, 2) the Office of Maternal and Child Health, DHEW, 3) faculty and staff of the participating university programs and 4) Congress. The Association is a membership organization; however, information services are not restricted to members.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Membership dues vary according to the type of membership desired.

Special Information Services: The Association is currently sponsoring a University Affiliated data base project. Upon completion, this data base will include information on the number of trainees in the programs, their disciplines, hours of training, clients served, clinical services provided, research activities, the community affiliations of each program and program space and space utilization. The interdisciplinary program in developmental disabilities at the University of California is assisting in the development of this data base, utilizing the UCLA computer system. The primary users of this information system will be the agencies of DHEW and the Congress.

Notes: The UAF interdisciplinary training concept first appeared in legislation in 1963 with enactment into law of many of the recommendations of President Kennedy's Panel on Mental Retardation. The 1963 law was amended in 1970 with the passage of the Developmental Disabilities Act, providing administrative support for the UAF program. Title V of the Social Security Act also provides an important source of support for the UAF training mission. The Association itself was incorporated in the State of Delaware in 1971. For information, contact the Association at above address.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE BLIND
1511 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005
PHONE: 202-347-1559

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments, blindness in combination with other handicaps and diabetes mellitus insofar as it is a major cause of blindness.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The goal of the American Association of Workers for the Blind (AAWB) is to promote the development and improvement of public and private services to blind persons of all ages. The Association has general information about the handicapping conditions covered, as well as information in the following areas: 1) education, including the formal education of visually impaired individuals and the education of personnel serving them, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, the rights and special needs of visually handicap-

ped employees and employment of personnel working with visually impaired persons 3) transportation, 4) health, including prevention of disease, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 5) psycho-social services, 6) income maintenance/security, 7) recreation, 8) activities of daily living, 9) equipment/special devices/aids, 10) civil rights/legislation and 11) research. A job exchange for those interested in serving blind persons is also provided nationally.

SERVICES: The Association provides the following information services to any lay or professional inquirer: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) sends the organization's newsletter and 7) permits on-site use of holdings.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may use the services. In addition, the Association tries to assist other agencies and associations with their information needs.

Fees: There is a charge for the organization's newsletter and some other publications. All other information services are provided free.

Notes: AAWB was founded in 1895 and has 31 local chapters which cooperate closely. Some regional centers provide more information and services than others. It is a membership organization but information is provided both to members and nonmembers. AAWB has extensive information on research into various aspects of blindness. The Association also engages in research in the following areas: 1) training of low vision persons, 2) developing training for in-service use and 3) developing the sources for an information search and retrieval system.

AAWB is collecting information and materials on two new areas of interest in the field. These are: 1) the multiply handicapped individual with blindness as the primary handicap and 2) the mobility problems of handicapped individuals in general but of the blind and blind persons with other handicaps in particular. AAWB is also very concerned with diabetes as a major cause of blindness in this country. The Association has a reference collection with historical information, journals and other literature.

For information, contact the Association at the above address.

AMERICAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF
3916 Lantern Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20902
PHONE: 301-942-4042

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The objectives of the American Athletic Associa-

tion of the Deaf (AAAD) are to: 1) foster and regulate athletic competition among member clubs, 2) develop uniform rules governing inter-club competition and 3) provide adequate competition for those members interested in inter-club athletics by improving inter-club relationships and providing special activities of interest to deaf members and their families. AAAD sanctions and promotes State, regional and national basketball tournaments and softball tournaments and participation in Comite' International des Sports Silencieux and World Games for the Deaf. AAAD also sponsors Hall of Fame elections to honor those so deserving and the award for the "Outstanding Deaf Athlete of the Year."

SERVICES: AAAD provides information on membership and the organization's goals and objectives to any lay or professional inquirer. AAAD does not have any films or textbooks designed specifically for deaf athletes. The AAAD BULLETIN, reporting on Association affairs, is published quarterly.

Age: AAAD is an organization of adult deaf athletes.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from AAAD.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. A fee is charged for the AAAD BULLETIN.

Notes: The American Athletic Association of the Deaf was organized in Akron, Ohio in 1945. It has 160 member clubs and is affiliated with the Amateur Athletic Union of U.S.A.

For information, contact the Association by phone.

American Bar Association, Mental Disability Legal Resource Center
See: MENTAL DISABILITY LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
1865 Broadway
New York, NY 10023
PHONE: 212-581-7400

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments, deafness/hearing impairments and mental retardation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of the American Bible Society (ABS) is to translate, produce and distribute the Bible, either in whole or in part, without doctrinal comment or note in order to make the Scriptures available to all people everywhere in a language they can understand and at a price they can afford to pay. The Society produces embossed Scriptures for the blind, Talking Bible Records and the New Testament and Psalms on tape in either cassettes or conventional reels. Large print Bible materials are also available as are Bible stories for youths

illustrated in English sign language. Materials are religious but nondenominational in nature. A special education series of New Testament stories presents the Scriptures in language simplified for mentally retarded individuals.

SERVICES: The ABS distributes an 18 volume Braille Bible, a Talking Bible recorded on 67 double-faced discs at 16 2/3 rpm., large print portions of the Scriptures and New Testament tapes. Information distributed by the Society is primarily descriptive of its services. The Society will: 1) answer inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refer inquirers to other information centers and 3) send brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. A CATALOG OF SCRIPTURES FOR THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED is available on request.

Age: The Society produces materials for children and adults.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Society. Libraries and other agencies serving blind persons request special materials most frequently.

Fees: All materials are sold at cost of production; however, the Society will make adjustments according to the blind person's ability to pay.

Notes: The American Bible Society was established in 1816 and cooperates with 50 national Bible Societies working together in the United Bible Societies. It is supported by contributions and guided by an Advisory Council of leaders from more than 70 church bodies of all Christian denominations.

Jumbo braille, double the size of regular braille, is a recent experiment for the ABS. It was developed for those who have an impaired sense of touch as well as impaired vision.

Letters requesting information should be sent to the attention of Special Ministries at the above address.

AMERICAN BLIND BOWLING ASSOCIATION
150 N. Bellaire Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206
PHONE: 502-896-8039

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments and deaf-blind.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Blind Bowling Association (ABBA) was formed to promote the sport of bowling for visually handicapped men and women. The Association helps organize and sanctions leagues and tournaments for visually handicapped persons and provides guide rails (a special rail to aid the visually handicapped bowler in taking aim) for local and area tournaments and to newly formed leagues. The Association

furnishes free material on bowling for blind persons to schools and institutions for the blind.

SERVICES: ABBA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 3) sends the organization's newsletter and 4) refers inquirers to direct service providers, specifically local leagues and equipment suppliers. The Association encourages anyone interested in blind bowling to visit any of their leagues to learn the technique of blind bowling.

The Association publishes a magazine in large print, braille and on cassette tape three times a year called THE BLIND BOWLER. This magazine keeps blind bowlers informed of activities throughout the country. In conjunction with American University, ABBA has also published a bowling instruction booklet, BOWLING FOR THE BLIND.

Age: ABBA is designed for blind and sighted persons 18 years of age or older. However, the Association does offer assistance to junior bowlers.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association. Any legally blind person who is 18 years of age or older is eligible to become an active member of ABBA. Any sighted person 18 years of age or older may become an auxiliary member.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Notes: The American Blind Bowling Association was formed in 1951 and is the official sanctioning organization for blind ten-pin bowlers and blind bowling leagues in the United States and Canada. A national convention is sponsored annually.

For information, call or write James M. Murrell, Secretary-Treasurer at the above address.

AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION
Bradford Woods
Martinsville, IN 46151
PHONE: 317-342-8456

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Camping Association (ACA) is a professional organization of individuals involved in organized camping for children, youths and adults, both summer and year round. The Association sponsors certification and accreditation programs for camps in operation. The ACA provides information about camps and camping for all ages of handicapped individuals; however, this function is only part of its entire operation, and not the primary interest.

SERVICES: The Association provides the following information services for the lay inquirer: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to direct service providers (primarily camps) and 3) sends its PARENT'S GUIDE TO ACCREDITED CAMPS on request. Both the lay and professional inquirer are permitted on-site use of the organization's library which contains books, dissertations and other literature on camping.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association; however, certain services are provided only to members.

Fees: Most general information is provided free of charge. There is a charge for the directory and for membership.

Notes: The American Camping Association has 34 chapters throughout the country and sponsors a national convention annually. Its PARENT'S GUIDE TO ACCREDITED CAMPS has over 5,000 listings, with a section on specialized camping for handicapped individuals. Information may be obtained by writing the national headquarters.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
777 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017
PHONE: 212-371-2900

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All cancers.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of the American Cancer Society (ACS) is to organize and wage a continuing campaign against cancer and its effects through medical research, professional and public education, service and rehabilitation programs. The Society is concerned with all aspects of cancer and provides information in the following areas relative to the disease: 1) general information about cancer, 2) education and training of personnel working with cancer patients or investigating the disease, 3) employment, including rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the employed cancer patient and employment of personnel working with cancer patients or investigating the disease, 4) health, including prevention, diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 5) psycho-social services, including counseling for cancer patients and their families, 6) information on local resources available for cancer patients, 7) activities of daily living, 8) equipment/special devices/aids, including prosthetics and 9) research. The Society is particularly interested in educating primary care physicians and the public to recognize the signs of cancer, and in supporting continued research into the causes and detection of the disease.

SERVICES: The Society has instituted a wide range of programs and services, both nationally and locally, to provide information about cancer to professionals and lay persons. For any request for information, ACS will: 1) answer inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refer in-

quirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) check other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) send brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) send previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) prepare bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests, 7) provide films or other audiovisuals and 8) permit on-site use of its library's holdings.

The Medical Library is an important information component of the Society and functions as a repository and clearinghouse of information on the past, present and future aspects of the cancer problem. The Library has a sizable collection of books, periodicals and reprints of articles on cancer. Collections of material on oncology and related subjects, biochemistry, cytology, radiology, etc. are maintained for use by the ACS National Office and Divisions, interested members of the medical profession, researchers and other libraries. The Library maintains an extensive reference and bibliographic service for physicians and investigators. A large file of articles, books and pamphlets pertaining to cancer, cancer detection, public education, smoking and related subjects is available for the lay public.

The ACS National Office maintains a Statistical Information and Research Service covering all aspects of cancer. Annually, the authoritative booklet CANCER FACTS AND FIGURES is published and distributed free. For the medical professional, these facts are published as a journal article in CA-A CANCER JOURNAL FOR CLINICIANS.

Under the guidance of the ACS Committee on Unproven Methods of Cancer Management, the National Office has established an information center for the collection and distribution of information on unproven methods of cancer diagnosis and treatment.

This center is one of the principal repositories for such information in the country.

CA-A CANCER JOURNAL FOR CLINICIANS is distributed free, bimonthly, through local Divisions to over 360,000 physicians. A monthly technical journal, CANCER, is available at cost for medical and scientific professionals with special interest or responsibilities in the cancer field. Professional education publications dealing with prevention, diagnosis, detection and treatment of cancer are distributed without charge by ACS Divisions to physicians, dentists, nurses and other allied health professionals. Films for professional and lay audiences are available, as are audio cassettes of ACS conferences and tapes on nursing subjects.

Direct services, as well as additional information services, are provided by local Divisions and Units. These services include: 1) information and counseling to resolve many of the emotional, economic and physical problems imposed by cancer, 2) loan and gift services to provide necessary and useful items for cancer patients, such as dressings, sickroom supplies and equipment and gifts for the comfort and recreation of the patient and 3) transportation services to help cancer patients get to and from the physician's office, hospital or clinic for diagnosis and treatment. Divisions having a total service program may also offer medication, home-health care programs, blood programs, assistance with employment problems, social work assistance and a complete rehabilitation program.

Other programs of high priority with ACS are often implemented locally. The Laryngectomy Rehabilitation Program is organized through the International Association of Laryngectomees founded in 1952 and sponsored by ACS. It promotes the rehabilitation of laryngectomized persons under the supervision of medical advisors and offers post-laryngectomy speech training and assistance in returning laryngectomees to their former work or in helping them obtain training and employment in a suitable vocation.

Pre and postoperative visitation by rehabilitated laryngectomees is also available upon request of the attending physician.

Through the Reach to Recovery Program the mastectomy patient sees and talks to another woman who has had the same surgery and receives practical help on how to return to former activities. A film, RECOVERY AFTER MASTECTOMY, can be shown at the patient's bedside at the physician's request.

Through the Ostomy Rehabilitation Program, volunteers work with various ostomy groups throughout the country. Participants in the ostomy visitor program, themselves ostomates, provide psychological reassurance for patients with ostomies.

Local groups also organize "Self-Help" groups to bring together persons with advanced cancer and their families who are experiencing similar problems as a result of the disease. They are given the opportunity and encouragement to discuss their mutual problems in a positive manner and to learn more about cancer and how to cope with it.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Society. The Society is equally concerned with educating the lay and professional publics.

Fees: Information is generally provided free of charge.

Notes: The American Cancer Society is one of the largest and oldest voluntary health agencies in the United States.

ACS Divisions are separately incorporated in each of several States and Puerto Rico, most organized on a statewide basis. The National Society issues an annual charter to each Division which is a contractual relationship for operations of the Division.

To carry out the Society's program locally, Divisions are subdivided into Units, usually organized on a county basis.

A major focus of the Society is research in cancer, which the Society sponsors and supports through various programs. Annually, the research program trains promising young investigators, supports established scientists and provides fluid funds to stimulate new ideas in cancer research in many universities, research institutes and teaching hospitals throughout the country. Twice yearly, about 150 of the nation's leading scientists gather in New York City for long periods of intensive, cooperative work and to review grant applications and personnel.

Each year the Society sponsors several conferences oriented toward clinical developments of particular sites of cancer, basic cancer research, clinical investigation or other aspects of cancer manage-

ment and control. Often conferences are cosponsored with the National Cancer Institute. Divisions also sponsor or cosponsor, in cooperation with the appropriate medical societies, statewide or regional meetings for professional audiences. In addition, local conferences, symposia, teaching days and courses are sponsored by ACS Units. ACS also has employee education programs in cooperation with many large firms and unions, including AFL-CIO, and has joined with the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association and the Public Health Service to work together to warn the public of the hazards of smoking. In addition, the Society works to encourage the organization of effective cancer control programs in other countries by working through the International Union Against Cancer. For information, contact the National Office at the above address, or a local Cancer Society.

AMERICAN COALITION OF CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES
1224 Dupont Circle Bldg.
Room 308
Washington, DC 20036
PHONE: 202-785-4265

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: This organization is a coalition of organizations which have come together to improve communication and coordination among organizations of, by and for persons with physical and mental disabilities. The Coalition provides general information about handicapping conditions, as well as information on: 1) education, including formal education of handicapped individuals and education of personnel dealing with them, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, rights, hiring regulations, special needs of the handicapped employee and employment of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 3) transportation, 4) health, including prevention, diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance and 5) activities of daily living. In addition, the Coalition advocates for handicapped persons by testifying on legislation, rule-making and other matters affecting the disabled community.

SERVICES: The organization is at present working as an information and referral office for handicapped individuals, as well as an active advocate for their rights. The Coalition: 1) answers inquiries by phone, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf. The Coalition also actively advocates increased recognition of the rights of disabled citizens before Congress, Federal agencies, the press and the general public.

User Eligibility: The Coalition will answer questions and make referrals for any handicapped inquirer, those inquiring on their behalf, lay or professional, or any interested person.

Fees: Referral and information are provided free of charge. Organizations of or for handicapped individuals may become members of the Coalition by paying fees based on whether they are national, State or local.

Notes: The Coalition was formed in May, 1974 and is controlled and staffed by persons with disabilities. The Coalition is composed of five major organizations, American Council of the Blind, National Paraplegia Foundation, Paralyzed Veterans of America, National Association of the Deaf and Teletypewriters for the Deaf, Inc., and 20 other smaller organizations. In the past, the Coalition has taken an active role in working with organizations run by and for persons with disabilities to insure the passage of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1974. For information, contact the Coalition at the above address.

AMERICAN CORRECTIVE THERAPY ASSOCIATION
1230 Nelson Drive
Chillicothe, OH 45601
PHONE: 614-773-1141

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Corrective Therapy Association (ACTA) is a professional organization of corrective therapists established to: 1) encourage the use of medically prescribed therapeutic activities (corrective therapy), 2) advance the professional standards of education and training in the field, 3) develop and sponsor programs related to development, prevention, habilitation and rehabilitation through corrective and therapeutic treatment, 4) encourage research and publication of scientific articles dealing with the advancement of physical and mental rehabilitation and 5) engage in and encourage ethical activities related to growth and development of this profession and the Association.

The Association is a source of information on the profession. It distributes information on the education and training of corrective therapy personnel and employment, including placement, job opportunities and other considerations. Information is also provided on vocational rehabilitation, rehabilitation and recreation/physical education for handicapped persons.

SERVICES: The Association provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 2) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts on request. A BIBLIOGRAPHY ON HANDICAPPED CHILDREN and a publication listing are available. For professionals, the Association will answer inquiries by letter, send the organization's newsletter and permit on-site use of holdings. The Association publishes and distributes reprints, handbooks and manuals on various aspects of the practice of corrective therapy. Information on certification procedures is also available. The ACT

JOURNAL, published bimonthly, contains articles of a clinical, scientific and research oriented nature as well as organizational news.

User Eligibility: Although the Association is a membership organization, any lay or professional person may request information. Professionals and researchers are the most frequent inquirers.

Fees: Simple answers to inquiries and referral are provided free of charge. Members receive up to 25 copies of informational materials without charge; nonmembers receive single copies free. Fees are charged for membership and subscription to the journal.

Notes: Corrective therapy is defined by the U.S. Veterans Administration as the application of medically prescribed therapeutic exercises and activities in the treatment of the mentally and physically ill patient. Corrective therapists are part of the medical team, working under the supervision of physicians, and are employed primarily in Veterans Administration Hospitals; they may also be employed in State and private agencies or institutions for mentally or physically handicapped persons. Corrective therapists work with, or in the areas of, general medicine, orthopedics, prosthetics, surgical medicine, psychiatric medicine, driver training for handicapped persons, neurological medicine and in various centers, such as alcoholism units, drug addiction units, cardiopulmonary units and nursing home care units.

The Association has a Research Committee and a fund allocated for research purposes to support the proper research activities of members. Annually a Scientific and Clinical Conference is convened. For information, write Kermit Rhea, Coordinator, Informational Materials, at the above address. A self-addressed, stamped envelope should be included.

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND
1211 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Suite 506
Washington, DC 20036
PHONE: 202-833-1251

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments and deaf-blind.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Council of the Blind (ACB) is an organization primarily of blind people. Its goals are to: 1) provide a forum for the views of blind persons, 2) elevate the social, economic and cultural level of blind individuals, 3) improve educational and rehabilitational facilities and broaden vocational opportunities, 4) encourage and assist blind persons, especially the newly blind, in developing their abilities and potentialities and in assuming their responsible place in the community, 5) cooperate with public and private

institutions and agencies of and for blind persons, 6) provide for a free exchange of ideas, opinions and information relative to matters of concern to blind people through publication and 7) conduct a program of public education aimed toward improving the understanding of the problems of blindness and of the capabilities of blind people.

The Council is a source of information on the following subjects related to blindness: 1) education, including education of blind persons and of personnel working with them, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of blind employees and employment of personnel dealing with blind persons, 3) transportation, including air travel, 4) health, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation, 5) psycho-social services, 6) income maintenance/security, including Social Security, 7) recreation/physical education, 8) equipment/special devices/aids, 9) civil rights/legislation and 10) research. Information is particularly strong in the areas of services and rights for blind persons and legislation affecting them.

SERVICES: ACB provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends the Council's newsletter, 5) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 6) permits on-site use of its holdings which include publications, periodicals and reports, prepared by other organizations, on legislation, aids and devices and techniques and procedures in the areas of education and rehabilitation for blind persons.

Its publication, the BRAILLE FORUM, contains opinions and information on matters of concern to blind persons. It is published in four editions: braille, large print, open reel and cassette tape.

User Eligibility: Although ACB is a membership organization, any lay or professional person may request information. The information service is geared to meeting the needs of blind persons and their families.

Fees: Information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The American Council of the Blind was established and incorporated in 1961. It is a membership organization of interested organizations and individuals with 39 State affiliates and eight professional group affiliates.

In addition to information services, activities of the ACB include: 1) informal educational services to blind persons and organizations through seminars, conferences and conventions, 2) consumer education services, 3) establishment and expansion of group health plans for fields of membership composed primarily of blind persons, 4) consultative and advisory legislative service on national, State and local levels to other organizations, 5) financial and professional assistance in court cases involving the rights and interests of blind persons and programs affecting them and 6) management and operation

of the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped. ACB also cooperates with other agencies serving the blind.

For information, call or write the Council at the above address.

AMERICAN DANCE THERAPY ASSOCIATION

1000 Century Plaza

Suite 210

Columbia, MD 21044

PHONE: 301-997-2310

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions in general, neurological disorders in general, learning disabilities, psychoneuroses and psychoses.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of the American Dance Therapy Association (ADTA) is to establish and maintain high standards of professional education and competence in the field of dance therapy. The Association develops guidelines for educational programs and accreditation of programs in dance therapy, maintains a registry of qualified dance therapists, and conducts professional workshops. In addition, ADTA provides information on nationwide educational programs in dance therapy, as well as general information on dance therapy and its application.

SERVICES: The Association provides lay and professional inquirers with brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets on request. Professionals are referred to direct service providers when necessary.

User Eligibility: ADTA is a membership organization; however, any lay or professional person may request information. Frequent inquirers are students interested in studying dance therapy.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The American Dance Therapy Association was founded in 1966 to establish standards and promote the field of dance therapy. Dance therapy is the psychotherapeutic use of movement as a process which furthers the emotional and physical integration of the individual. Dance therapy is used in the treatment and rehabilitation of emotionally disturbed, physically handicapped, neurologically impaired or socially deprived persons. Therapists work with people of all ages, in groups and individually, and are employed in psychiatric hospitals, clinics, day care, residential and community mental health centers, correctional facilities and private practice. The Association has established a Code of Ethical Practice for practicing dance therapists.

For information, write ADTA at the above address.

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
600 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10020
PHONE: 212-541-4310

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Diabetes mellitus.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Diabetes Association (ADA) is a national voluntary organization devoted to the support of research into the cause, treatment and cure of diabetes, the provision of patient and professional education and a program of public education and detection. The Association also acts as an advocate for diabetics and provides needed direct services.

The ADA is a primary source of general information on diabetes and provides information in the following areas relative to diabetes: 1) education of personnel working in the field, 2) employment of diabetics, including rights, regulations and special needs of the diabetic employee, 3) health, including prevention, diagnostic evaluation and maintenance, 4) recreation/ physical education, particularly camping, 5) activities of daily living, 6) equipment/special devices/aids and 7) research. The Association collects and disseminates information on research supported by ADA, as well as on research conducted by other organizations. Information is particularly strong in the area of professional and patient education.

SERVICES: ADA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) provides films or other audiovisuals, 6) distributes the organization's newsletter, 7) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 8) prepares bibliographies, abstracts or indexes in response to certain individual requests. Professional persons are also permitted on-site use of the Association's holdings which include a small library of reference works and medical books and journals. On both the national and local levels, ADA conducts year-round programs of public education and detection. The thrust of these programs is twofold: to alert the general public to the warning signs of, and factors associated with diabetes, and to discover as many as possible of the nation's growing population of undiagnosed diabetics so they might receive proper medical attention. Local affiliates also provide testing and camping activities. The Association's publications program is fairly extensive and includes the professional journal DIABETES and the patient oriented magazine DIABETES FORECAST.

Age: The ADA is concerned with both types of diabetes, juvenile-onset and maturity-onset.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association or become a member. Membership in the Professional Section is limited to doctors of medicine and osteopathy, dentists, dieticians, educators, laboratory technicians,

nurses, optometrists, pharmacists, podiatrists and physiotherapists who are by education, training or experience licensed to practice their profession, and other qualified professionals who possess appropriate qualifications.

Fees: All information is provided free. Fees are charged for quantity orders of brochures, pamphlets, fact sheets and for previously prepared bibliographies, abstracts and indexes.

Notes: The American Diabetes Association was founded as a professional society in 1940 by a group of physicians concerned with the management and control of diabetes. In the mid 1960's, it was reorganized as a national voluntary health organization with State affiliates and local chapters.

The Association regularly provides three types of research funding. Research and Development Awards provide salary assistance to promising young investigators, and two Established Investigatorships are awarded annually to individuals of unusual research ability to enable them to devote full time to diabetes research. Research Grants for investigation in any phase of diabetes provide equipment, supplies or technical assistance for which other funds are not available to the recipients. Internationally recognized Annual Research Symposia and Scientific Sessions are conducted by the Association. Professional seminars, scientific meetings and postgraduate courses for physicians and allied health personnel are offered on both the national and affiliate levels. These are approved and accredited by the American Medical Association as part of its Continuing Medical Education program. In its role as advocate, the Association maintains a close liaison with Federal agencies and working relationships with State and civic agencies involved in helping diabetics. For information, call or write the national organization or local affiliate.

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND, INC.
15 W. 16th Street
New York, NY 10011
PHONE: 212-924-0420

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) was established to carry on research, collect and disseminate information and advise and give counsel on matters that improve and strengthen services to blind persons. AFB serves as a national clearinghouse for information about blindness, promotes the development of educational, rehabilitation and social welfare services for blind children and adults and conducts programs for partially sighted individuals through its educational services. Specific areas of concern include: 1) education, including formal education of visually impaired individuals and education of personnel dealing with them, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, rights, hiring regulations and

special needs of blind and visually impaired employees and employment of personnel working with blind persons, 3) health, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 4) psycho-social services, 5) income maintenance/security, 6) recreation/physical education, 7) activities of daily living, 8) equipment/special devices/aids, 9) civil rights/legislation and 10) research.

SERVICES: AFB provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) provides films or other audio-visuals, 6) sends the organization's newsletter and 7) permits on-site use of its library which includes over 30,000 volumes and other materials on blindness. The library will prepare bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual professional requests. The Foundation also publishes a variety of informational materials, more than 150 in total, from one-page flyers with basic facts about blindness to highly technical research monographs. Among the publications are: the NEW OUTLOOK FOR THE BLIND, a professional journal, published since 1907; and the WASHINGTON REPORT, a legislative newsletter. Other publications include monographs, handbooks, manuals, curriculum guides, newsletters, pamphlets and the biennial DIRECTORY OF AGENCIES SERVING THE BLIND AND VISUALLY HANDICAPPED IN THE UNITED STATES. A publications catalog is available on request.

The publication AIDS AND APPLIANCES has information on nearly 400 aids that help blind persons lead an independent life which are sold at cost by AFB. Some of these aids have been developed by AFB's own designers and technicians, some are commercial products adapted by AFB for use by blind persons, and some are unadapted commercial products particularly useful to blind persons.

Under contract to the Library of Congress, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, AFB records and manufactures nearly 400 talking books each year. Books are available free on loan from regional libraries to anyone who cannot read ordinary print.

The Foundation also administers a travel concession plan that allows a blind person traveling with a guide to obtain reduced fares on most railroad and bus lines in the United States. Identification cards are distributed for this purpose.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from AFB. Professionals in the field of blindness are the most frequent inquirers. Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees are charged for films and other audiovisuals and for brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets provided in bulk. Publications fees vary.

Notes: The American Foundation for the Blind was established in 1921. The organization operates six offices for regional activities nationwide, and a legislative office in Washington, D.C. Activities of the regional offices involve voluntary and governmental agencies and institutions on the local, State and national levels. The legis-

lative office keeps government offices informed about the needs of blind persons and works in cooperation with other agencies to see that these needs are met. It also reports on congressional activity and actions of Federal agencies of interest to blind persons through its bimonthly newsletter, WASHINGTON REPORT.

AFB fosters technological and psycho-social research through assistance on research projects, the exchange of information, and occasionally through its own research projects. Reports of significant research projects are published in the NEW OUTLOOK FOR THE BLIND, state-of-the-art reports, proceedings and bibliographies.

The M.C. Migel Memorial Library has more than 30,000 books, pamphlets, periodicals, monographs, dissertations, reports and bibliographies; the collection does not include materials in braille, large type or recorded form. Consultation, assistance in using the collection and referral to other sources of information are provided to anyone, lay or professional, by the Library staff. Materials may be borrowed on-site or by phone or mail for two weeks. The Library also participates in interlibrary loan.

For information, write AFB at the above address.

American Hearing Society

See: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR HEARING AND SPEECH ACTION

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

7320 Greenville Avenue

Dallas, TX 75231

PHONE: 214-750-5414

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Cardiovascular disorders in general, and stroke.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The mission of the American Heart Association (AHA) is the reduction of premature death and disability due to cardiovascular disease. To this end, the Association serves as a clearing-house for the exchange of experience and information on all aspects of cardiology and cardiovascular diseases. Specifically, AHA concerns itself with: 1) the study of, acquisition, dissemination and application of knowledge concerning the normal heart and circulation and the causes, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disorders of circulation and diseases of the heart, blood vessels and lymph nodes and 2) the gathering and publication of information on all aspects of such disorders and diseases, including studies of occupations suitable for patients with diseases and disorders of the heart and circulation. AHA also provides information on activities of daily living and on special aids and devices for assisting stroke patients. In addition, the Association actively supports research in its areas of concern, as well as programs of professional and public education.

SERVICES: AHA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2)

refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests, 7) provides films or other audiovisuals and 8) permits on-site use of its holdings which include 160 scientific journal subscriptions and a book collection of about 4,000 volumes on the cardiovascular system and its diseases. Local Heart Associations also provide information and sponsor community service programs.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association. Frequent inquirers include members of the medical community and the general public. AHA also serves the mass media (press, radio, television and national magazines) and industry.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Fees may be levied for materials requested in bulk.

Notes: The American Heart Association is comprised of 55 affiliates and about 2,000 local subdivisions, of which 128 are chapters. National membership includes over 40,000 physicians and scientists and more than 65,000 other members.

The primary concern of AHA is research in the broad field of cardiovascular function and disease and stroke. AHA does not engage in any research itself, but supports research activities in many institutions in the U.S. and foreign countries through expenditures for investigatorships, fellowships and grants-in-aid. A unique research program of the Heart Association is the Career Investigatorship Program, through which 13 scientists are receiving lifetime support to carry out independent studies. Also receiving support are 135 Established Investigators, scientists who have a proven capacity for creative research and who receive five-year awards to advance their work. The national research grant program gives priority in funding to talented young investigators and senior investigators embarking on new projects. All awards made are registered with the Smithsonian Science Information Exchange (SSIE), and information about them is available from SSIE on request. AHA also maintains files of reports and progress reports received from awardees covering the period of the award.

In the area of professional education, AHA attempts to bring new knowledge concerning cardiovascular and stroke advances to physicians and nurses through annual scientific meetings, teaching institutes, teaching scholarships, medical symposia, films and other audiovisuals, technical publications and scientific journals. Specialized programs are also offered for other paramedical and professional personnel.

Public education and information programs focus on the early recognition, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases. Through

all media of mass communication, the latest authoritative information is provided on risk factors, early warning signs of heart attack and stroke, control of high blood pressure, rheumatic fever prevention, cardiac and stroke rehabilitation.

For information, contact the Heart Information Coordinator at the above address or a local Heart Association.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006
PHONE: 202-785-7229

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sensory impairments in general, communicative impairments in general, musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions in general and neurological disorders in general, insofar as these physical handicaps limit an individual's access to conventional buildings not structurally adapted to permit access by wheelchair, etc.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is a professional organization of architects in the United States. Its objectives are to: 1) promote the aesthetic, scientific and practical efficiency of the profession, 2) advance the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of architectural education, training and practice, 3) coordinate the building industry and the profession of architecture to insure the advancement of living standards through improvement in the environment and 4) make the profession of ever-increasing service to society.

AIA is particularly interested in architectural barriers which limit a physically handicapped individual's access to buildings and promotes designs and/or regulations for the removal of physical and structural barriers, both exterior and interior. In a majority of instances, AIA serves as a broker for disseminating basic literature which eventually gets translated into building codes and/or designs which promote both excellence and statutory conformance in removal of architectural barriers. AIA provides information in the following areas relative to barrier-free design: 1) general information on disabling conditions, 2) education or training of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 3) special needs of the handicapped employee (literature suggests facility modifications), 4) housing, 5) transportation, 6) recreation/physical education, 7) equipment/special devices/aids, 8) civil rights/legislation and 9) research, especially research relating to the special needs of handicapped individuals. AIA's information is particularly strong in describing the "state-of-the-art" of barrier-free design.

SERVICES: AIA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests and 7) permits on-site use of its holdings which include library reference files, books, pamphlets and newsletters.

AIA has an active Task Force on barrier-free design which counsels the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and other organizations such as the National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults. The Task Force is also working to improve the standards for making buildings and facilities accessible to, and useable by, physically handicapped people.

AIA has published a primary reference work, INTO THE MAINSTREAM: A SYLLABUS FOR A BARRIER-FREE ENVIRONMENT, which it makes available to inquirers.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Institute. Members and nonmembers are served equally. Services are specifically directed to architects, designers and planners.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees may be charged for certain publications.

Notes: The American Institute of Architects is a founding member of the National Center for a Barrier Free Environment (see separate listing). AIA coordinates its activities with the Center and contributes financial, staff man-hours and other selected resources to the Center. AIA has established a special Honor Award for Barrier-Free Buildings, the Bartlett Award. This award is bestowed annually to honor award winning buildings which, in the judgment of a consultant named by the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, provide the greatest accessibility to handicapped individuals. Bartlett Awards are named for the late Senator from Alaska, E.L. Bartlett, who authored Public Law 90-480 dealing with barrier-free design.

For information, call or write the Director of Community Programs at AIA.

American Instructors of the Deaf

See: CONVENTION OF AMERICAN INSTRUCTORS OF THE DEAF

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Library Services to the Blind and
Physically Handicapped

50 E. Huron Street

Chicago, IL 60611

PHONE: 312-944-6780

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments, deaf-blind and any physical handicap that prevents an individual from holding a book.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of the Library Services to the Blind and Physically Handicapped Section of the Health and Rehabilitation Library Services Division of the American Library Association (ALA) is to: 1) extend and improve library service to those unable to read or use standard printed materials because of physical limitations, 2) provide a

symposium for the exchange of ideas and personnel and 3) acquaint all librarians whose service communities may include blind and physically handicapped readers with this Section and to enlist their cooperation in meeting those objectives.

To this end, this Section maintains information on schools and libraries serving blind and physically handicapped individuals and on special seminars and workshops being sponsored in this area.

SERVICES: The Section will answer lay or professional requests for information by letter. Frequently, inquirers are referred to other information providers. The Section's newsletter is routinely sent to its members; others may also receive it on request.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from this Section of ALA.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: For information, write ALA at the above address.

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION
1740 Broadway
New York, NY 10019
PHONE: 212-245-8000

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Respiratory conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Lung Association (ALA) was founded to promote the prevention and control of lung diseases. Principal programs and activities include: 1) conducting and promoting public education to help Americans prevent lung disease, obtain effective treatment, and learn to live with disabled breathing; and professional education aimed at knowledgeable medical care teams equipped to provide comprehensive and continuing care for all lung disease patients, 2) eliminating cigarette smoking and air pollution, 3) improving community health and welfare and 4) encouraging and supporting professional and technical education and medical and social research in lung diseases. ALA provides general information on lung diseases as well as information in the following areas relative to lung disease: education of personnel dealing with lung diseased individuals; vocational rehabilitation and maintenance; activities of daily living; equipment/special devices/aids; and research. Information is particularly strong on the prevention of lung disease, especially anti-smoking.

SERVICES: ALA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) provides films or other audiovisuals and 6) sends the organization's newsletter. ALA will also make inquiries of other organizations on behalf of lay inquirers and refer them to direct service providers.

Inquiries about local programs and services addressed to the national office will be referred to lung associations throughout the U.S.; inquiries about national programs and services will be answered by staff consultants.

Publications of ALA are important information sources. Professional journals are: 1) the monthly, AMERICAN REVIEW OF RESPIRATORY DISEASE and 2) the quarterly, CLINICAL NOTES ON RESPIRATORY DISEASE. Printed materials, films and resource materials for lay and medical persons are available on emphysema, chronic bronchitis, air pollution, smoking and health, tuberculosis and many other lung diseases. Public service broadcast materials are also available. A publications catalog will be sent on request.

Direct services such as breathing improvement classes for asthma and emphysema patients (adults and children), respirator loan banks, pulmonary function testing and smoking cessation programs are offered through local lung associations. State and local units also offer informational services for patients with chronic lung disease.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association. Frequent inquirers are lung disease patients and their families and the general public.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The American Lung Association (formerly National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association) was established in 1904 to fight tuberculosis; currently, there are over 200 local chapters and 60 constituent (State and large city) chapters nationwide dedicated to the eradication of all lung disease. Local chapters have full autonomy in their programs, though guidance is provided by the national office. The American Thoracic Society is the medical branch of the Association.

Scientific meetings, seminars and courses, professional and technical publications and films support professional education programs. ALA sponsors a medical education program of fellowships and awards designed to encourage young professionals to specialize in lung diseases. The national office also administers a fund supported by all lung associations from which grants for medical research are awarded.

For information, contact the national office at the above address, or a local lung association listed in the telephone book.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Department of Environmental, Public and Occupational Health

535 N. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60610
PHONE: 312-751-6526

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Cardiovascular disorders in general, respiratory disorders in general, epilepsy, diabetes mellitus, alcoholism and psychoneuroses.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Medical Association's Department of Environmental, Public and Occupational Health promotes the organization and development of medical programs for employees within business and industry. The Department advises physicians in industry and supports the study of environmental problems which affect health in industry. The Department encourages the employment of handicapped individuals and works closely with the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped to increase this employment. The Department is also concerned with the effects of architectural and transportation barriers on employment of handicapped individuals and with Workmen's Compensation.

SERVICES: The Department provides the following information services to the professional inquirer: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 3) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and 4) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests.

A reprint of particular interest to employers and physicians is "Employability of Workers Handicapped by Certain Diseases (A Guide for Employers and Physicians)." This publication gives medical criteria for employment readiness.

User Eligibility: Any professional person may request information from the Department. Frequent inquirers include industrial physicians, nurses and company management.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. There is a fee for certain pamphlets.

Notes: For information, call or write the Association at the above address.

AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS Program of Swimming for the Handicapped
17th & D Streets, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006
PHONE: 202-857-3542

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American National Red Cross Program of Swimming for the Handicapped has three aims. The first is safety skills and safety awareness; the second aim is fun; the third aim is to teach participants to swim or to swim better. In support of the swimming and other programs, the Red Cross collects and disseminates information on disabling conditions and in the following areas: 1) education, including information for instructors on teaching handicapped persons to swim and training of instructors in this area, 2) rehabilitation (health), 3) recreation/physical education, 4) activities of daily living, 5) research in physical education and motor development and 6) equipment/special devices/aids. Information is particularly strong in the areas of recreation and aquatics.

SERVICES: The American National Red Cross trains instructors and aides for the Swimming for the Handicapped Program, recruits volunteers, lends supportive services, and often provides technical advisors. Instructor training is available to water safety instructors and other qualified persons at Red Cross National Aquatic and First Aid Schools and in many local chapters. A textbook, ADAPTED AQUATICS, and an aide manual, SWIMMING FOR THE HANDICAPPED, are available.

The program is designed to be carried out in cooperation with community organizations. Programs vary greatly in length and number of lessons, structure and types of disabilities served. The Red Cross provides information on swimming and other programs to lay and professional inquirers through the following information services: 1) answers to inquiries by phone or letter, 2) referral to other information centers, 3) distribution of brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets, 4) sending of previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) provision of films or other audiovisuals (including FOCUS ON ABILITY, a film on swimming programs), 6) distribution of the organization's newsletter and 7) preparation of bibliographies, abstracts or indexes in response to certain individual requests. In addition, the Red Cross refers lay inquirers to direct service providers and makes inquiries of other organizations on their behalf; professionals are also permitted on-site use of the organization's holdings. A series of pamphlets has been developed for families and friends of disabled veterans; they deal primarily with psychological adjustment and family support during the rehabilitation process. The pamphlet PUBLICATIONS OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS describes available materials.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Red Cross. Professionals working with handicapped persons and the general public are the most frequent inquirers.

Fees: Information and services are provided free of charge.

Notes: The American National Red Cross Program of Swimming for the Handicapped began in the early 1940's, during and after World War II, with a Convalescent Swimming program to aid handicapped veterans. It is now offered to all groups of handicapped persons in cooperation with community agencies.

The American National Red Cross began as the American Association of the Red Cross established in 1881 by Clara Barton and granted a congressional charter in 1900. It is an associate of the International Red Cross. Some of its areas of service are: disaster relief, blood programs, services to military personnel and their families, safety, nursing and health programs. Volunteers offer a wide variety of services to handicapped persons on the local level, including transportation, hot-meal programs and others.

The national headquarters maintains a collection of books, journals, bibliographies and single subject papers in addition to a special subject file on disabling conditions and special services for handicapped persons.

For information, write or call the Water Safety Specialist at the above address.

AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION
6000 Executive Blvd.
Rockville, MD 20852
PHONE: 301-770-2200

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions in general, neurological disorders in general, mental/emotional disorders in general, end stage renal disease, sensory motor dysfunction, stroke, cardiological disorders, cancer and similar conditions.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) is the professional organization for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants. Its purposes are to: 1) improve and advance the practice of occupational therapy, 2) improve and advance education and qualification in occupational therapy, 3) establish standards of performance, certification and accreditation, 4) foster research and study of occupational therapy and 5) engage in other activities to further the dissemination of knowledge on the practice of occupational therapy. Areas of coverage relative to occupational therapy and the handicapping conditions it serves include: 1) education of occupational therapists, 2) employment, including the special needs of the handicapped employee and employment of occupational therapists, 3) health, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation, 4) architectural barriers, 5) activities of daily living, 6) equipment/special devices/aids and 7) research. AOTA is particularly strong in providing career and practice information in occupational therapy.

SERVICES: AOTA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) provides films or other audiovisuals and 5) sends the organization's newsletter. The Association also permits professionals on-site use of its reference and thesis libraries and sends them previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts; individual bibliographies, indexes or abstracts are also prepared in response to certain professional requests. Several publications are also important information sources. Included among these are the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY and a pamphlet OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. A multimedia catalog of publications and audiovisuals is available on request.

User Eligibility: AOTA is a professional membership association; however, any lay or professional person may request information. Professionals in occupational therapy are the most frequent inquirers.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge or at a nominal fee. Fees are charged for films and other audiovisuals, the Association's newsletter and for various publications. There is also a fee for membership. Notes: The American Occupational Therapy Association was founded in 1917 and has 52 affiliated associations nationwide. Occupational therapy is a health profession providing services

to people with physical injuries or illness, developmental problems, social and psychological difficulties and to elderly persons. Occupational therapists (OTs) help communities and agencies and use selected educational, vocational and rehabilitative activities to help individuals become self reliant and build a balanced life style of work and leisure. OTs work in hospitals, clinics, schools, rehabilitation centers, home care programs, private practice, community health centers, nursing homes, day care centers and psychiatric facilities and are part of the health care team which includes physicians, physical therapists, vocational counselors, nurses, social workers, speech pathologists, teachers and other specialists. OTRs are registered occupational therapists who have completed a bachelor's or master's degree program, including related field work; COTAs are certified occupational therapy assistants who are high school graduates and have completed an associate degree program. In addition to other services, the Association: provides consultation on the organization, standardization and accreditation of occupational therapy educational programs; maintains a national register of qualified occupational therapists and assistants; maintains legislative liaison with governmental agencies; and provides general consultation and liaison with other professional associations. For information, write the organization (or phone if necessary) at the above address.

American Organization for the Education of the Hearing Impaired
See: ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF

AMERICAN ORTHOTIC AND PROSTHETIC ASSOCIATION
1440 N Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005
PHONE: 202-234-8400

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association (AOPA) is a national professional organization interested in the rehabilitation of handicapped persons through the provision of braces, artificial limbs and other devices. Its membership consists of over 400 facilities providing orthotic and prosthetic services. AOPA fosters its members' interests by representing them before State and Federal agencies (both regulatory and legislative) which are concerned with health care services to orthopedically handicapped individuals. It also serves as a channel of communication between the basic suppliers of products and services and the facilities which supply orthoses and prostheses to patients on prescription.

SERVICES: AOPA answers professional requests for information by phone or letter and sends them brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets on request. Occasionally, AOPA will refer lay inquirers to other information centers.

User Eligibility: AOPA is primarily interested in serving professionals, especially its own membership.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association was founded in 1917. Affiliated organizations include the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics and the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists.

For information, call or write the Association at the above address.

AMERICAN PARKINSON DISEASE ASSOCIATION, INC.
147 E. 50th Street
Suite 103
New York, NY 10022
PHONE: 212-421-5890

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Parkinson's disease.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Parkinson Disease Association (A.P.D.A.) is a health agency that raises funds to: 1) support research in Parkinson's disease, 2) subsidize Parkinson's disease clinics throughout the country where patients can go for treatment and referral, 3) disseminate literature to patients and their families throughout the country and the world and 4) provide information to family members and patients regarding therapy, medical treatment, home health aids, rehabilitation and on all questions that might arise as a result of Parkinson's disease.

SERVICES: A.P.D.A. provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. The Association will also make inquiries of other organizations on behalf of lay inquirers, send them the Association's newsletter and refer them to direct service providers, when necessary. In addition, A.P.D.A. has prepared A MANUAL FOR PATIENTS WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE which contains information on treatment of the disease, an exercise program, diet, etc. and serves as a guide to daily living.

Age: Parkinson's disease usually strikes elderly persons, 60 years of age and older; however, A.P.D.A. provides information on Parkinson's disease occurring at any age.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association. A.P.D.A.'s primary concern is Parkinson patients, and most of the information provided is geared to these patients and their families.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The American Parkinson Disease Association was founded in 1964. For information, contact the Social Service Department at the above address.

AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION
1156 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005
PHONE: 202-466-2070

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All physical handicaps and mental retardation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) fosters the development and improvement of physical therapy service and education through the coordinated action of physical therapists, allied professional groups, citizens, agencies and schools. The Association evaluates educational programs and curricula, directs the maintenance of professional standards and promotes scientific research. The national office provides current information on all aspects of the profession. Specific areas of interest include: 1) education of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 2) employment of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 3) health, including treatment and rehabilitation, 4) recreation/physical education, 5) equipment/special devices/aids and 6) research.

SERVICES: The national office provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers (mostly local APTA chapters), 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) permits on-site use of its holdings. In addition, APTA provides professional inquirers with the following services: 1) refers inquirers to direct service providers, 2) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 3) sends the organization's newsletter and 4) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf. APTA operates a placement service for professionals, both members and nonmembers, and conducts an annual meeting and periodic symposia.

User Eligibility: APTA is a professional membership organization; however, most information services are available to members and nonmembers alike. The Association will provide information to lay individuals, but it is primarily an organization of and for professionals in the physical therapy profession. The majority of its inquiries are received from professionals.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge; there is a fee for prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts.

Notes: Periodically, APTA compiles statistics on the physical therapy profession. Some areas surveyed in the past include: 1) professional education, with information collected on the number of persons in physical therapy education programs, the number of applicants to physical therapy programs and the number of faculty, 2) salary surveys, 3) the number of physical therapists per State and the number of education programs and 4) enrollment statistics in general.

APTA maintains a small library of journals, reports, films and data available for on-site use.

For information, contact APTA at the above address.

AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND

1839 Frankfort Avenue

Louisville, KY 40206

PHONE: 502-895-2405

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Printing House for the Blind (APHB) is a national, nonprofit agency for blind persons in the United States and one of the largest publishing houses for visually handicapped persons in the world. Its activities are centered around the publication of literature for blind persons, including textbooks and other educational materials; the development and manufacture of educational aids and appliances for use by blind persons; educational and technical research relating to publishing literature for blind persons; and the manufacture of tangible aids for the use of visually handicapped individuals. By congressional order, APHB is the official schoolbook printery for all blind students of less than college age; as a private publisher, APHB also contracts with other nonprofit agencies or individuals to manufacture books and aids for distribution to other blind individuals. The Printing House serves as one of the specialized offices of the Area Learning Resource Centers/Specialized Offices/National Center on Educational Media and Materials for the Handicapped (ALRC/SO/NCEMMH) network. In this capacity, it develops or adapts child use instructional materials to meet the needs of visually handicapped persons. The Instructional Materials Reference Center is also situated in the Printing House. APHB is a source of information on: 1) education, including education of blind and visually impaired persons and of personnel dealing with them, 2) research and 3) equipment/special devices/aids. The Printing House is particularly strong in providing information about new materials and educational aids and about the availability of textbooks in braille, large type and on tape.

SERVICES: APHB provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) prepares bibliographies, abstracts or indexes in response to certain individual requests. Ink print catalogs of the thousands of items manufactured by the Printing House are available upon request. Publishing is done in four media: braille, large type, long-playing phonograph records and recorded magnetic tapes.

Educational reference services are supplied through the Instructional Materials Reference Center. The Center has set up a Central Catalog of Volunteer-Produced Books to coordinate the services of volunteers who produce a large number of special materials. In return, the APHB provides daily reference service to pupils, teachers, and parents in

need of particular texts. This service makes possible the interchange of materials all over the nation, eliminating the necessity of constant duplication of books already available. Other reference services include the publication of lists and catalogs of materials available commercially which would be of use to visually handicapped persons.

Age: The Printing House is charged by Congress with producing educational materials for students of less than college age; however, as a private publisher it produces materials for all ages.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the APHB. Educators of visually handicapped students and volunteers who produce special materials use the information services most frequently.

Fees: Information is provided free of charge. Materials contracted for by other agencies are usually distributed to blind persons free, or at cost.

Notes: The American Printing House for the Blind was established in 1858 in the Kentucky School for the Blind. Since 1879 through the authorization of the Federal Act "To Promote the Education of the Blind," it has received an annual appropriation from Congress to provide textbooks and educational aids for children attending schools or special educational institutions. Materials are distributed on a per capita basis to these institutions.

The Printing House provides input for the information system at the National Center on Educational Media and Materials for the Handicapped at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio part of the ALRC/SO/NCEMMH network.

A wide range of research and development activities are conducted at the Printing House. The Educational Research, Development and Reference Group conducts basic research on tactual perception and the application of listening to learning and develops materials in the sciences, mathematics, social studies and reading areas. Other departments are involved in research in braille codes, computer programs for the translation of braille codes and the manufacture of special equipment.

A large variety of special educational aids for blind persons are manufactured; these include: braille slates and styluses, braille-writers, relief globes and maps, braille atlases and other items. For information, call or write the Director of the Instructional Materials Reference Center at the above address.

American Psychological Association

See: PSYCHOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INFORMATION SERVICES

American Red Cross

See: AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

American Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc.

See: SISTER KENNY INSTITUTE

American Rheumatism Association

See: ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

AMERICAN SPEECH AND HEARING ASSOCIATION

9030 Old Georgetown Road

Washington, DC 20014

PHONE: 301-530-3400

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments, deaf-blind and communicative impairments in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) was established to: 1) maintain high standards of clinical competence for professionals providing services to the public, 2) encourage the development of comprehensive clinical service programs, 3) promote investigation of clinical procedures used in treating disorders of communication, 4) stimulate exchange of information through conventions, publications and other continuing professional education activities and 5) encourage basic research and scientific study of human communication and its disorders.

The Association is a source of descriptive information about handicapping conditions and has information in the following areas: 1) education, including formal education of handicapped individuals and education of personnel working with them, 2) employment of personnel in the field and certification of individuals, clinics and training programs, 3) health, including prevention, diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 4) psycho-social services and 5) research. Information is particularly strong on certification.

SERVICES: ASHA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) distributes the organization's newsletter and 3) prepares bibliographies, abstracts or indexes in response to certain individual requests. Lay inquirers are also: 1) referred to other information centers or direct service providers, 2) sent brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 3) sent previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and 4) provided with films or other audiovisuals.

ASHA's publications program is extensive and contains much public education and career information. A brochure, ASHA PUBLICATIONS, is available on request. The ASHA DIRECTORY, a reference book containing alphabetical and geographical listings of members, is published annually. ASHA also publishes periodicals in the field; these include: JOURNAL OF SPEECH AND HEARING DISORDERS; JOURNAL OF SPEECH AND HEARING RESEARCH; LANGUAGE, SPEECH AND HEARING SERVICES IN SCHOOLS; dsh ABSTRACTS; and ASHA.

User Eligibility: Although ASHA is a membership organization, any lay or professional person may request information. Students interested in career information are the most frequent inquirers.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge, though fees may be charged for bulk orders of brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. Fees are levied for membership, publications and journal subscriptions. Members receive most publications at discount.

Notes: The American Speech and Hearing Association was founded in 1925 and currently has 46 State speech and hearing association affiliates nationwide. Members include speech and language pathologists, audiologists and speech and hearing scientists concerned with communication behavior and disorders.

ASHA is the accrediting agent for college and university programs offering master's degree programs in speech pathology and audiology, recognized by both the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and the Commissioner of the U.S. Office of Education. ASHA also accredits programs offering clinical services in speech pathology and audiology to the public.

ASHA sponsors national conferences, institutes and workshops each year as part of its continuing professional education program and conducts an Annual Meeting of sessions, exhibits and courses. A continuing program of data collection related to professional training, manpower needs and membership characteristics and activities is also maintained.

For information, contact the Information Manager at the above address.

American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Viet Nam

See: AMVETS

AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

2635 N.E. 19th Street

Pompano Beach, FL 33062

PHONE: 305-941-1238

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: The Association has information on wheelchair bowling for individuals confined to wheelchairs due to amputation, poliomyelitis, spinal cord injuries or disabilities of a similar nature.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The American Wheelchair Bowling Association (AWBA) is composed of male wheelchair bowlers who encourage, develop and regulate wheelchair bowling under uniform rules and regulations. These individuals bowl under the American Bowling Congress Rules and Regulations and under AWBA Rules and Regulations as they apply to wheelchair bowling. AWBA does not break up existing leagues and organizations, but serves to strengthen clubs and leagues that are already formed and to form independent bowlers into leagues. It strives to help all

wheelchair bowlers with any problem that confronts them. The Association encourages all handicapped individuals, male and female, to learn to bowl for rehabilitation and recreational exercise in league or tournament competitions.

SERVICES: AWBA answers requests for information about wheelchair bowling from any inquirer by letter and sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets describing the Association and wheelchair bowling. Any individual may request a copy of SUGGESTED LEAGUE RULES for wheelchair bowling, along with information on bowling aids, national rules and tournaments. The Association also refers interested wheelchair bowlers to local leagues for nonhandicapped bowlers, which they may be eligible to join, and when necessary, assists wheelchair bowlers in forming their own league.

For members, AWBA holds a National Wheelchair Bowling Tournament annually and sponsors sectional tournaments in various States. Nonmember women bowlers may also compete in AWBA national tournaments.

Age: Wheelchair bowling is offered for adults only.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the American Wheelchair Bowling Association. Membership is limited to adult males in wheelchairs, though the Association also encourages adult women to participate in the sport.

Fees: Information about the Association is provided free of charge; however, there is a charge for some specific information about wheelchair bowling and for membership.

Notes: The American Wheelchair Bowling Association was founded in 1962 by Richard Carlson, a wheelchair bowler.

Information may be obtained by calling or writing the Association.

AMPUTEE SHOE AND GLOVE EXCHANGE
1115 Langford
College Station, TX 77840
PHONE: 713-845-4016

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Amputation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Amputee Shoe and Glove Exchange provides a free information service to facilitate the exchange of unneeded shoes and gloves among amputees. SERVICES: The Exchange maintains a list of amputees with information on their age, size, style preference and side needed. This information is then sent to an amputee with similar tastes and the opposite side amputated. All mailings of shoes or gloves are between the amputees themselves. The Exchange participates in the information exchange only.

User Eligibility: Any amputee may register his or her needs with the Exchange. The organization serves amputees only. Professionals may

also register on behalf of amputees.

Fees: All the information necessary to facilitate an exchange is provided free of charge to the amputee.

Notes: The Amputee Shoe and Glove Exchange is operated by Dr. Richard E. Wainerd and his wife, an amputee for over 30 years. They maintain the list of amputees and assume all the costs of the operation. All information provided by the amputees is confidential. Information may be obtained by writing the Exchange.

AMVETS (AMERICAN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, KOREA AND VIET NAM)

1710 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20036

PHONE: 202-223-9550

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Viet Nam) is a national service organization for veterans, including handicapped veterans. Representatives of AMVETS act as advocates for veterans before the U.S. Veterans Administration (VA) to help them secure the benefits to which they are entitled. Areas of concern relative to VA benefits for handicapped individuals include: 1) education, including the formal education of handicapped individuals and education of personnel working with them, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the handicapped employee, 3) health, including prevention of disease, diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 4) psycho-social services, 5) income maintenance/security and 6) equipment/special devices/aids. The AMVETS National Legislative Director also maintains a close liaison with the Congress and presents the opinion of AMVETS on any new relevant legislation.

SERVICES: AMVETS provides the following information services to all veterans: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to direct service providers (mostly the Veterans Administration), 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf (mostly the Veterans Administration), 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 5) sends the organization's newsletter on request. Individual advocacy is provided nationwide through a network of service officers connected with regional VA offices. AMVETS representatives render expert personalized counsel to veterans and their dependents in the preparation of claims or with any other problems with the Veterans Administration or other government agencies. In most cases, these service officers also represent individual veterans before the VA and help them forge appeals when necessary.

Age: Most of the information provided concerns veterans who are 18 years of age or older; however, information is also available on benefits for dependents of veterans.

User Eligibility: AMVETS is a membership organization; however, information and services are available to any veteran or dependents of veterans needing them. Membership is open to all American veterans, male and female, who have served actively and honorably anytime and anywhere from September 16, 1940 through May 8, 1975, the date proclaimed by President Ford as ending, the Viet Nam era and the cessation of hostilities.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: AMVETS was organized in 1944 and chartered by an Act of Congress in 1947. While originally an organization of veterans of World War II only, its charter was amended in 1950 to include veterans of the Korean conflict and in 1966 to include veterans of the war in Viet Nam.

For information, contact AMVETS at the above address, or the local AMVETS National Service Office in the regional Veterans Administration office.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION
475 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10027
PHONE: 212-678-6363

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Arthritis/rheumatism which covers close to 100 conditions, including connective tissue diseases not well known such as systemic lupus erythematosus and associated skin conditions, including psoriatic arthritis, scleroderma and discoid lupus erythematosus.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Arthritis Foundation is a voluntary health agency committed to finding the cause, prevention and cure for arthritis and allied diseases. To help arthritis sufferers and their doctors, the Foundation, together with its local chapters throughout the country: 1) supports research to discover the cause and prevention or cure of arthritis, 2) finances training for young medical scientists and physicians and seeks to attract more medical workers to the field of arthritis, 3) expands community services to patients and their families, 4) seeks to improve treatment techniques and to make better arthritis care available to those who need it, 5) finances studies to develop new ways to prevent and correct disability and to develop and test new drugs and 6) informs doctors and patients of the latest developments in arthritis. The organization stresses public, patient and professional education.

SERVICES: The Foundation provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct services providers (chiefly the organization's own affiliates), 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) provides films or other audiovisuals and 5) sends the organization's newsletter. On occasion, the

Foundation also provides previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf. Various publications are also available.

Generally, local chapters are the primary information and referral centers for the Foundation and the Foundation usually refers inquirers to the appropriate chapters, except when professional requests for information are involved. Chapters distribute factual literature and sponsor forums and lectures to keep patients and physicians aware of the latest developments in arthritis research and treatment. They also support a wide variety of community services, including clinics, aimed at improving available care in every way, from diagnosis to back-to-work programs.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees are levied for previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and for brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets sent to professionals. Fees are sometimes charged for the organization's newsletter. Prices for films and other audiovisuals and for publications vary.

Notes: The Arthritis Foundation was established in 1948 and has 73 chapters nationwide. Two professional associations work within the Foundation. These are: the American Rheumatism Association Section, representing the largest professional society of rheumatologists, which guides the Foundation's medical and scientific programs; and the Allied Health Professions Section, representing physical and occupational therapists, medical social workers, nurses and many others, which is devoted to overcoming the shortage of specialized health workers in arthritis.

As its major arthritis-fighting program, the Foundation has established and supports a network of arthritis clinical research centers. At these centers, the patient receives the most up-to-date medical team care available and is studied for clues to the disease and how to improve treatment. Researchers investigate every aspect of arthritis and conduct trials of new drugs and treatments. Young physicians, scientists, surgeons and allied health workers are also trained and encouraged to specialize in arthritis.

To advance research in arthritis, the Foundation offers a limited number of Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards, Clinical Scholar Awards and Senior Investigator Awards in the medical sciences and clinical disciplines related to arthritis. These awards are intended to advance the training of young scientists in their investigative or clinical training careers and not as grants-in-aid of research projects. The Foundation also offers fellowships for allied health professionals. In addition, the Foundation considers applications for grants from medical schools, their teaching hospitals or other qualified hospitals or medical institutions to help Arthritis Clinical Research Centers conduct relevant clinical research, perform noteworthy teaching and encourage exemplary patient care. For information, contact the Foundation at the above address.

ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES
5225 Grace Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15236
PHONE: 412-881-1191

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sensory processing and communicative impairments in general insofar as they produce learning disabilities. All learning disabilities, mild or severe, in combination with other disabilities are covered. The Association uses and accepts the definition of learning disability developed by the National Advisory Committee on Handicapped Children of the Office of Education in DHEW: "Children with learning disabilities exhibit a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using spoken or written languages. These 'learning disabilities' may be manifested in disorders of listening, thinking, talking, reading, writing, spelling or arithmetic. They include conditions which have been referred to as perceptual handicaps, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, developmental aphasia, etc. They do not include learning problems which are due primarily to visual, hearing or motor handicaps, to mental retardation, emotional disturbance or to environmental disadvantage." Emotional disturbance and behavioral difficulties may be secondary results of learning disabilities.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (ACLD) is to advance the education and general well-being of children (and more recently of older individuals) with learning disabilities. ACLD has descriptive information on learning disabilities as well as information on the following: 1) the education of those with learning disabilities, 2) civil rights/legislation and 3) research on learning disabilities. In addition to disseminating information, ACLD seeks to encourage research, stimulate the development of early detection programs and educational techniques, create a climate of public awareness and acceptance and provide advocacy for the learning disabled.

SERVICES: The Association distributes information and advises on new technology used in teaching the learning disabled at state and national conferences, institutes and seminars. For these meetings, ACLD gathers outstanding professionals to speak and answer questions. In addition, ACLD provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) lends films or other audiovisuals, 6) sends the organization's newsletter, 7) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 8) permits on-site use of its holdings. Direct services, such as parent counseling, nursery schools and day camps, are provided locally; no direct services are available at the national level.

Age: ACLD has recently expanded its coverage to serve persons of all ages who have learning disabilities. Prior to 1976 their main focus

was on preschool children (0-6 years) and adolescents (14-18 years).
User Eligibility: ACLD is a membership organization, however, information is provided to any lay or professional inquirer.
Fees: Most information is provided free of charge; there are fees for film rental, previously prepared bibliographies, abstracts or indexes and for ACLD's newsletter. Notes: ACLD was formed in 1964 and has over 700 State and local affiliates. It is ACLD is a depository for magazines, films, newspapers, professional journals, etc. about learning disabilities. A conference is held annually in addition to many State and local conferences by affiliates and chapters. For information, contact ACLD at above address.

ASSOCIATION FOR EDUCATION OF THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED
919 Walnut Street
Fourth Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107
PHONE: 215-923-7555

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Association for Education of the Visually Handicapped is a professional group in which educators of visually handicapped children and youth join to: 1) improve and update their own skills, 2) promote research and special services to visually handicapped children and their families and 3) support and advance this area of special education. The Association primarily provides general information in its area of concern, as well as information on the formal education of individuals with visual impairments and education or training of personnel working with them.

SERVICES: The Association provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets (limited), 4) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and 6) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests. The Association's newsletter and professional journal are provided to members only.

Age: Information provided is primarily about children in the pre-school through high school age group.

User Eligibility: Although the Association is a membership organization, any lay or professional inquirer may request information. Frequent inquirers include handicapped individuals, their families and friends.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Association for Education of the Visually Handicapped was organized in 1853. National and regional conferences are held biennially in alternating years. The Association also sponsors special institutes and workshops. For information, write the Executive Secretary at the above address.

ASSOCIATION OF HANDICAPPED ARTISTS

1034 Rand Bldg.
Buffalo, NY 14203
PHONE: 716-853-2660

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Paralysis or any other condition resulting in loss of use of the hands.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Association of Handicapped Artists, Inc. is the United States sales subsidiary of the Association of Mouth and Foot Painting Artists, an international group of painters, who, for one reason or another, are deprived of the use of their hands, and thus paint by holding the brush with their mouth or feet. The aims of the Association of Mouth and Foot Painting Artists are to: 1) provide a good livelihood for its member artists, 2) grant scholarships to prospective mouth and foot painters, 3) find mouth and foot painters all over the world, 4) hold exhibitions of the work of the artists all over the world and 5) establish publishing companies for marketing the products of these artists worldwide.

SERVICES: The Association of Handicapped Artists, Inc. promotes the sale of cards, calendars and large reproductions of original works of member artists, in the United States. It also provides information about the work of the parent association and its exhibitions and membership policies.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association of Handicapped Artists. Any handicapped person who paints either by holding the brush with the mouth or foot is eligible to become a member of the Association of Mouth and Foot Painting Artists. High professional standing and genuine artistic accomplishments are a condition of membership; a panel of art experts carefully screens new applications. In some instances, when a handicapped artist shows unusual talent and promise, but has not yet achieved the technique and skill demanded from full members, the Association grants scholarships so the handicapped person may study and eventually become eligible for full membership.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Association of Handicapped Artists was incorporated in 1961 and is wholly owned by member artists.

The Association of Mouth and Foot Painting Artists has no national, geographic, religious or racial boundaries. Its members are drawn from most of the Western countries. The member artists are the sole shareholders of the Association and control the Association and its

branches. Any profits from the sale of paintings, cards etc. after paying for manufacturing and mailing costs, employees and taxes, go to the artists; each member artist receives monthly payments from the Association for life, whether he/she is able to paint or not. Artists also receive an annual bonus depending on the sales and earnings of the Association. Original paintings remain the property of the artist and are sold at the price he/she sets. The Association and its subsidiaries such as the Association of Handicapped Artists help sell the originals. There are currently 51 member artists and 78 scholars, ten residing in the United States.

For information on the Association of Handicapped Artists, contact the above address. The organization also has information on the Association of Mouth and Foot Painting Artists. Headquarters for the latter is FL 9490 Vaduz, Kasperigasse 7, Switzerland.

ASSOCIATION OF MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
4131 N. Grand River Avenue
Lansing, MI 48906
PHONE: 517-482-3585

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental/emotional disorders in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Association of Mental Health Administrators (AMHA) is the professional organization for individuals engaged in the administration of treatment/care services and programs for mentally and developmentally disabled persons in North America. AMHA's aim is to foster a planning, organizing, and evaluation process at all levels of the public and private sectors of the mental health care delivery system. This includes: 1) promoting and advancing the most modern principles, guidelines and standards of professional administration, 2) increasing the competence of professionals through education and training, 3) improving the practice of administration and management through fostering research studies, 4) collaborating and consulting with other agencies and educational institutions which can contribute to improving administrative practice and 5) disseminating the latest information in the field of administration of mental health care services.

AMHA collects and disseminates general information on mental/emotional disorders and developmental disabilities as well as information in the areas of civil rights/legislation and research to improve administration in all human service delivery systems.

SERVICES: AMHA provides the following information services to professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) distributes the Association's newsletter.

AMHA's primary method of information dissemination is through its publications program. The Association publishes the JOURNAL OF MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, occasional papers or monographs prepared on specific problems or subjects and research studies such as MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION IN TRANSITION, a report from an annual conference.

User Eligibility: Information services are geared to meeting the needs of professionals and researchers. Most frequent users are

administrators or research staff of member organizations primarily in the field of developmental disabilities. Fees: Information is provided free of charge with the exception of the journal and some publications. Membership fees vary depending on type of membership.

Notes: The Association of Mental Health Administrators was founded in 1959 and incorporated in Michigan. The membership is composed of agencies and individuals in mental health administration.

The Association undertakes an annual salary review of administrators in the field, promotes national administrative standards and provides educational opportunities for its membership. These opportunities include workshops and conferences, regional seminars and annual education sessions.

AMHA maintains liaisons with U.S. and Canadian agencies responsible for mental health programs and with other mental health related organizations for progressive legislation and adequate funding of programs at the national, State and local levels. It is a member of the Accreditation Council for Psychiatric Facilities.

For information on the Association send a detailed letter of inquiry to the Executive Director at the above address.

Association of Mouth and Foot Painting Artists Worldwide

See: ASSOCIATION OF HANDICAPPED ARTISTS

ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION FACILITIES

5530 Wisconsin Avenue

Suite 955

Washington, DC 20015

PHONE: 301-654-5882

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The primary function of the Association is to provide information on professional education and training services to administrators of rehabilitation facilities. Information is also available on government programs and regulations which affect facilities.

SERVICES: For the professional inquirer, the Association provides the following services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers the inquirer to other information centers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) sends the organization's newsletter and 7) permits on-site use of its holdings.

User Eligibility: The Association offers its services primarily to members and in particular to the administrators of member facilities; however, requests for information from others are accepted if they do not require extensive staff time or effort. Nonmembers may also attend selected educational seminars and the annual education workshop.

Primary membership is offered to institutions providing rehabilitation services; organizations not providing direct services such as State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies or universities, and individuals, including students, may join as associates and receive the benefits of membership.

Fees: Information and referral are provided free of charge. There are varying fees for membership.

Notes: The Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (ARF) was formed in 1969 to strengthen the resources of rehabilitation facilities so that through effective and efficient operation they might provide high quality services to handicapped persons and the community at large. It has 712 member facilities throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada and 21 affiliated State chapters. ARF also has standing committees on medical facilities, vocational facilities and developmental centers. While the Association provides most of its services only to members, it is an active voice for all rehabilitation facilities. In the past, ARF has been responsible for the development of the standards utilized by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Annually, ARF sponsors a national conference and a number of seminars, taught by experts, throughout the country based on training needs of rehabilitation managers.

For information, contact the Association at the above address.

Association of University Affiliated Facilities

See: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED PROGRAMS FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

BETTER HEARING INSTITUTE
1430 K Street, N.W.
Suite 800
Washington, DC 20005
PHONE: 202-638-7577

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Better Hearing Institute (BHI) is an educational organization dedicated to informing people about hearing loss and to encouraging those who suspect a hearing problem to seek assistance. It provides public service, consumer education and public information programs for hearing impaired persons, their families, friends and the general public. Professionals and members of the hearing health team also receive information.

The Institute provides general information about deafness and hearing impairments, as well as information in the following areas: 1) education and training of personnel dealing with hearing impaired persons, 2) health, including prevention and rehabilitation of hearing loss and 3) equipment/special devices/aids. Information is also collected on

help available to hearing impaired individuals in the forms of surgery, equipment and services.

SERVICES: BHI provides the following information services to lay inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf. Both lay and professional inquirers are sent brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, provided with films or other audiovisuals and sent the BHI newsletter, on request.

BHI produces radio and television public service announcements designed to alert the public to the possibility of hearing loss. These spots are in 10, 30 and 60 second lengths and frequently utilize celebrities who have a hearing loss; they encourage others who suspect a problem to seek help. In addition to these spots, BHI also produces booklets with information on how to obtain hearing help.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Institute. The most frequent users of BHI's services are public information volunteers, TV and radio program directors and print media editors.

Fees: Most information is provided free. Fees are charged for brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, films or other audiovisuals and the newsletter.

Notes: The Better Hearing Institute was established in 1973. In addition to providing public education information, it supports a program "Hearing Aid HelpLine" for professionals in the hearing field, consumer affairs personnel and law enforcement officials. The HelpLine is a toll free telephone system designed to handle complaints, questions and suggestions concerning hearing aids and hearing aid use.

Some of the Institute's more intensive educational efforts occur during Better Hearing Month in May when, in cooperation with the National Association for Hearing and Speech Action, BHI initiates an extensive campaign of national publicity aimed at alerting the public to the scope of hearing loss and what can be done about it. BHI distributes educational and promotional materials to Public Affairs Committees of the National Hearing Aid Society and others. Contained in these materials are ready-to-use tools such as mayor and governor proclamations, publicity photos, camera-ready features, news releases, editorials, TV and radio public service announcements, posters and speakers bureau and special event ideas.

For information, contact the Executive Director or the Public Information Director at the above address. Phone requests should go to the "HelpLine" Director at the number listed above. The "Hearing Aid HelpLine" number is 800-424-8576.

BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION
1735 DeSales Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
PHONE: 202-347-4010

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness, specifically of veterans of the U.S. Armed Services.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Blinded Veterans Association's (BVA) primary goals are to: 1) promote the welfare of blinded veterans so that they may take their rightful place in the community, 2) preserve and strengthen a spirit of fellowship among blinded veterans so that they may give mutual aid and assistance to one another and 3) to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom.

The BVA provides both direct and information services. Information related to blinded veterans is collected in the following areas: 1) education of blinded veterans, 2) employment, including placement, vocational rehabilitation and training, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the blinded veteran employee and employment of personnel working with blinded veterans, 3) housing, 4) transportation, 5) health, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation, 6) psycho-social services, 7) income maintenance/security, including Veterans Administration pensions and compensation, 8) recreation/physical education, 9) activities of daily living, 10) equipment/special devices/aids and 11) civil rights/legislation. Emphasis is on the blinded veteran's rights, benefits available to him/her and procedures necessary to obtain them.

SERVICES: The Association provides the following information services to lay inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends the organization's newsletter and 4) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf. Professional inquirers are provided with brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets upon request.

User Eligibility: Although BVA is a membership organization, information services are available to any inquirer, lay or professional. Blinded veterans and organizations working with blind persons are the most frequent users of these services.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Blinded Veterans Association was founded in 1945 by a group of veterans blinded in World War II and was chartered by an Act of Congress in 1958. It is a membership organization; full membership is open to all service-connected blinded veterans and associate membership to veterans whose blindness was not incurred as a result of military service.

BVA direct services are available without cost to all blinded veterans irrespective of whether they are members. These services are unique in that they are based on the one-to-one principle that a blinded veteran can most effectively convey the essential stimulation

and motivation to another blinded veteran. Direct services consist of two major programs: the Field Service Program conducted under contract to the Veterans Administration, and the Outreach Employment Program conducted under contract to the Department of Labor. Consisting of a National Director and four Field Representatives, themselves all blinded veterans, the Field Services Program provides personal counseling on rights and benefits, assistance in obtaining benefits from the VA and counseling regarding services available from Federal, State and local agencies, both public and private. The Outreach Employment Program offers assistance to blinded veterans in obtaining employment, preparing resumes and job applications and establishing contact with prospective employers. The Association convenes an annual meeting for the membership. For information, call or write the Association at the above address.

B'NAI B'RITH CAREER AND COUNSELING SERVICE
1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
PHONE: 202-393-5284

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The national office of the B'nai B'rith Career and Counseling Service (BBCCS) primarily disseminates information about its own network of local counseling services which provides vocational counseling, testing and other services.

General information published about disabling conditions and career options for handicapped individuals is also available. In addition, information is provided in the following areas: 1) formal education of handicapped individuals, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, rights and special needs of the handicapped employee and employment of personnel dealing with disabled persons and 3) psycho-social services.

SERVICES: The Service provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends the organization's newsletter, 6) provides limited films and 7) sends previously prepared bibliographies, abstracts or indexes. The Service also occasionally prepares bibliographies, abstracts or indexes for special, individual requests by professionals.

The Service also provides information to all individuals, including handicapped persons, through referral for aids, tests and counseling, and also through the distribution of publications of other agencies, such as the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. B'nai B'rith maintains libraries at the local and national levels which contain information on careers, disabling conditions and other topics of interest to handicapped persons.

The national BBCCS office conducts an extensive bibliographic program which includes the organization's quarterly publication, COUNSELOR'S INFORMATION SERVICE. This annotated bibliography, including special supplements, is distributed to subscribers in all 50 States and foreign countries and lists current literature on educational and vocational guidance and frequently focuses on areas of concern to handicapped individuals and persons working on their behalf.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information.

Fees: Much information is provided free; however, there are fees for many publications, bibliographies, film rental and individual counseling services.

Notes: For information, contact BBCCS at the above address.

Bob Hope Parkinson Research Center
See: NATIONAL PARKINSON FOUNDATION

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA Scouting for the Handicapped Division
U.S. Route 1 & 130
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
PHONE: 201-249-6000

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Scouting for the Handicapped is a special promotion of the Boy Scouts of America; its purpose is to encourage the inclusion of handicapped young people in regular packs, troops and posts. It also encourages the establishment of packs, troops and posts at schools and homes for handicapped youth whenever their inclusion in ongoing scouting activities is not possible. While Scouting for the Handicapped concerns itself with all handicapped young people, special manuals for leaders are available on Scouting for mentally handicapped, visually handicapped, deaf and physically handicapped youth. Information is also provided on Scouting for the socially maladjusted young person.

SERVICES: The national office provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) provides films or other audiovisuals, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) refers inquirers to local troops or councils.

Age: Scouting serves young people aged 8-20 years. Boys 8-11 years are eligible for the Cub Scouts; boys 8-14 years are also eligible for the Boys Scouts; boys and girls 14-20 years may join the Explorer unit of Scouting.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information on Scouting for handicapped youth. Frequent inquirers include the 430 local Boy Scout Councils which serve community organizations who use the Scouting programs.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: Scouting for the Handicapped works in close cooperation with the following national organizations: 1) American Foundation for the Blind, 2) Council for Exceptional Children, 3) Disabled American Veterans, 4) Library of Congress, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 5) Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, 6) National Association of Training Schools and Juvenile Agencies, 7) National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, 8) the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and 9) United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc.

For information, contact the Director at the above address.

BRaille CIRCULATING LIBRARY
2700 Stuart Avenue
Richmond, VA 23220
PHONE: 804-359-3743

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments and deaf-blind. Also some physical handicaps that preclude being able to read a book.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Braille Circulating Library lends devotional, evangelistic, doctrinal and biographical books, missionary messages, Christian fiction, books for juveniles, the Bible and three study courses from the Moody Bible Institute, in braille and on talking books and tape (reel and cassette). Services are free and worldwide.

SERVICES: The Library distributes a catalog of books, records and tapes available for loan. The user may request specific titles by writing or calling the Library. These materials are loaned for six weeks in the U.S. and eight weeks in other countries. The Library's collection is also available for on-site use. In addition to this service, the Library provides the following information services to any lay or professional inquirer: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers the inquirer to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 5) sends the organization's newsletter. The Library also has information on how to borrow a talking book machine or cassette player from the Library of Congress.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Library. Any visually handicapped person who has been taught to read braille or who has a talking book machine or tape recorder may borrow braille books, records, tapes or cassettes.

Fees: All information and services are provided free of charge.

Notes: The Braille Circulating Library was founded in 1929 by James H. McConkey and Louise H. McCraw.

For information, call or write the Library at the above address.

BRAIN INFORMATION SERVICE
Biomedical Library
University of California
Los Angeles, CA 90024
PHONE: 213-825-6011

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Neurological disorders in general, mental/emotional disorders in general, gonadal reproductive disorders, inborn errors of metabolism and blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Brain Information Service (BIS) was established to support basic neurological research with a specialized information center which covers the literature and channels information in these sciences. BIS identifies, stores, retrieves, repackages and disseminates information in the basic neurological sciences of neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, neurochemistry, neuroendocrinology, neuropharmacology and behavior. Bibliographic services focus on providing information about current publications, as well as on providing retrospective literature coverage. The Service attempts to reach the worldwide community of neuroscience researchers, teachers and students.

SERVICES: Services of BIS include generation of serial publications, non-serial publications (conference reports, research reports, reference bibliographies) and individualized demand bibliographies. The Service also answers inquiries by phone or letter and sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

User Eligibility: The Service is restricted to professionals and is particularly tailored to meet the needs of researchers and teachers in basic neurological sciences.

Fees: Fees vary depending on the materials or services desired; brochures are provided free of charge.

Special Information Services: The Service provides demand bibliographies to scientists using a computer automated storage and retrieval system. The bibliographies are compiled by information specialists who edit citations from the output and augment them with a manual search when necessary. The data base currently contains approximately 500,000 citations assembled from a core of the most actively used neurological journals, from the National Library of Medicine's MEDLARS system and from biological publications not included in MEDLARS. Citations include information as to author, title, journal, source, index terms and some abstracts. The data base covers the years 1969 to present and is updated 3-4 times/year.

Notes: The Brain Information Service was established in 1964 under contract with the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke (NINDS). The activities of BIS are carried out with the cooperation of the Brain Research Institute, the Health Sciences Computing Facility and the Biomedical Library, which are under the auspices of the School of Medicine, University of California at Los Angeles.

For information, call or write BIS at the above address.

Bulova School of Watchmaking

See: JOSEPH BULOVA SCHOOL OF WATCHMAKING

CAMP FIRE GIRLS, INC.

1740 Broadway

New York, NY 10019

PHONE: 212-581-0500

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of Camp Fire Girls, Inc. is to provide opportunities for youth to realize their potential and to function effectively as caring, self-directed individuals responsible to themselves and to others and, as an organization, to seek to improve those conditions in society which affect youth.

Direct services provided locally to handicapped children and adults are, insofar as possible, integrated into regular programs, i.e., small groups, camping, special events, etc. Some programs are provided to children and youth who are in special education classes, institutionally confined, homebound or undergoing rehabilitation and/or therapy. The national office provides information on how to start programs for handicapped girls, or on how to help integrate a handicapped girl into a regular program.

SERVICES: Camp Fire Girls, Inc. provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

A special publication of the organization, LEADERS OF HANDICAPPED GIRLS, provides the group leader with information on how to work with a handicapped girl and integrate her into the group and has information on other information providers that might be of assistance in planning programs and activities for handicapped girls.

Age: Camp Fire programs exist for girls and youth up to 21 years of age.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the organization. Much of the information available is designed for group leaders, prospective members and parents.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: Camp Fire Girls was founded in 1910 by Dr. and Mrs. Luther Halsey Glick. Information is best obtained by calling or writing the national headquarters at the above address, or by contacting the Camp Fire Girls, National Service Center, 333 West Hampden Ave., Englewood, Colorado 80110.

CARROLL CENTER FOR THE BLIND
770 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02158
PHONE: 617-969-6200

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Carroll Center for the Blind (CCB) offers comprehensive rehabilitation services for congenitally and adventitiously blind persons to assist them in functioning independently. Diagnostic evaluation and highly individualized rehabilitation programs are available on a residential or commuter basis, as well as low vision assessment and training when appropriate. Community services (statewide and in contiguous areas of neighboring States) include orientation and mobility, low vision and occupational therapy evaluation.

In addition to providing services, the Center also strives to be an information center on blindness; information is available in the following areas relative to blindness: 1) diagnostic evaluation and rehabilitation, including recreation, orientation and mobility, activities of daily living, and other aspects of programs offered, 2) psychological aspects of blindness, 3) equipment/special devices/aids and 4) resources in meeting needs of blind persons and those working with blind persons. General information is provided in the following categories, but referral to specific service delivery agencies is made as appropriate or indicated: 1) education of blind persons and education of personnel working with blind persons, 2) employment, 3) housing, 4) transportation, 5) health, including prevention, 6) income maintenance/security and 7) physical education. The Center will also refer a client seeking religious information to the appropriate agency. Some information is also maintained on research; it is adequate only in responding to inquiries from lay persons.

SERVICES: To promote the integration of blind persons into the community and employment, the Center provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, 5) provides films or other audiovisuals and 6) distributes the Center's newsletter. The Center will occasionally make inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and permit on-site use of its holdings. It also supports a Speakers Bureau. Most materials provided are aimed at meeting the needs of lay, rather than professional inquirers.

Direct client services include a diagnostic evaluation service and rehabilitation program. The Residential/Commuter Training Program includes work in orientation and mobility, sensory training, communication, personal management, occupational therapy, prevocational training, low vision training and psychological services. The program is open-ended, but usually lasts 16 to 20 weeks. Community Rehabilitation Services, primarily in orientation and mobility, are offered throughout Massachusetts and sections of neighboring States; occupational therapy assessment and vision rehabilitation are also offered in selected areas of the State. Clients include blind children attending public schools, clients from CCB who need specific instruction in their own communities, and those who have not attended the program but are referred for specialized training in their homes, neighborhoods or work environments. The agency also sells, at cost, special aids and devices for blind persons.

Age: The Center's information on residential or commuter programs emphasizes adults and young adults, 16 years of age or over. To apply for direct services, the client usually must be over 16; no maximum age limit has been set. Community services are open to all ages.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Center. The most frequent inquirers are other professional workers, student nurse groups, civic and community groups and students. Persons applying for the Residential/Commuter Training Program must be legally blind, over 16 and in good health. Visual impairment is the only criterion for Community Rehabilitation Services. Volunteer services are provided to blind or visually impaired persons without certification.

Fees: Most information is provided free. Fees are charged for direct services and are usually assumed by a third party. Clients to whom State aid is unavailable have occasionally received private support.

Notes: The Carroll Center for the Blind, formerly the Catholic Guild for All the Blind, was developed by the Reverend Thomas J. Carroll, whose experience with the rehabilitation of blind servicemen of World War II led him to recognize the need for a similar program for newly blinded civilians.

The Center conducts professional training seminars in cooperation with Harvard Medical School, Boston College, Boston University, Massachusetts College of Optometry and hospitals in the area. Student internships are supervised in recreation therapy, mobility and various other aspects of rehabilitation.

For information, write or call the Director of Community Relations, at the above address.

CEC Information Center on Exceptional Children
See: COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

CENTER ON HUMAN POLICY
Syracuse University
216 Ostrom Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13210
PHONE: 315-423-3851

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sensory impairments in general, communicative impairments in general, musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions in general, neurological disorders in general, mental/emotional disorders in general and any combination of these disabilities.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Center on Human Policy is a Syracuse University based advocacy organization involved in the national movement to insure the rights of people with special needs. The Center is committed to fundamental social change in the areas of education, vocational and rehabilitative programming and residential services for people with disabilities. A major focus of the organization is on community organizing: helping consumers act on their own behalf to obtain their rights. The Center engages in legal advocacy, assists consumer groups in efforts to monitor residential, educational and rehabilitative programs to insure the accountability of service providers and sponsors workshops and training sessions in areas of concern. Center staff work with community groups, train local and national community leaders, distribute organizing materials and support activist groups in other ways.

SERVICES: The Center provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) provides films or other audiovisuals. The Center staff provides consumers with information regarding legal rights, strategies for change and community programs and services. It has also assembled written materials on integration, advocacy and organizing for national distribution.

In addition, Center attorneys and legal advocates offer advice and representation to consumers and families in judicial and quasi-judicial hearings. The Center also runs several demonstration projects and provides consultation to public schools and other agencies on the integration of handicapped individuals into the community.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Center. Frequent users are consumers and advocacy professionals.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. There are fees for brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets and for films or other audiovisuals.

Notes: The Center's staff includes social scientists, human services planners, legal specialists, psychologists, social workers and special educators. The Center is closely associated with the Training Institute for Human Service Planning, Leadership and Change

Agency. Its Advisory Board is composed of consumers, parents and other interested individuals.

Staff members of the Center publish numerous books, articles and research monographs in the fields of social science, human services and advocacy. Many of these are published by the Center's Human Policy Press which was established in 1974. For information, call or write the Center at the above address.

CENTER FOR INNOVATION IN TEACHING THE HANDICAPPED

University of Indiana

2805 E. Tenth Street

Bloomington, IN 47401

PHONE: 812-337-5847

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Learning disabilities, mental retardation and mild emotional disorders.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Center for Innovation in Teaching the Handicapped (CITH) is committed to the improvement of instruction for handicapped children through the refinement and validation of effective training practices. CITH's current major objective is to design, develop and disseminate high priority teacher training materials and innovative training systems. The ultimate goal of these research and development activities is to improve the instructional capabilities of pre-service and in-service teachers who interact with handicapped children. In addition to developing materials and systems, CITH strives to contribute to the exchange of information about current research and development endeavors aimed at improving the education and social assimilation of handicapped children.

CITH collects general information on the conditions served and information in the following areas: 1) education, including formal education of handicapped children and education of teachers working with them, 2) health, including diagnostic evaluation and treatment of disorders and 3) psycho-social services. CITH also distributes reports of research undertaken by the Center; information is particularly strong in the areas of observation systems, teacher training and instructional development.

SERVICES: The Center provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 3) distributes the Center's newsletter and 4) permits on-site use of its holdings. For professionals, the Center also provides previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and films or other audiovisuals.

CITH also conducts research, develops preparation programs for pre-and in-service teachers of exceptional children and designs, develops and evaluates instructional materials and observation systems for teacher preparation. The DIRECTORY OF CITH TRAINING MATERIALS and the LIST OF CITH PUBLICATIONS describe materials available from the Center.

Age: CITH develops materials and programs for teachers of mildly retarded, emotionally disturbed or learning disabled children from kindergarten through grade 12.

User Eligibility: Information services are available to any lay or professional inquirer; however, they are used primarily by pre-service and in-service teachers, teacher trainers and researchers in mental retardation and learning disabilities. Fees: Most information is provided free; however, fees are charged for previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and for films and other audiovisuals.

Notes: The Center for Innovation in Teaching the Handicapped was founded in 1969 as a national research and development agency funded by the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped. Its research includes studies and evaluation of teacher behaviors and their effect on pupil learning. The Center provides graduate training in research and evaluation, special education in-service training programs for school systems and materials evaluation.

CITH is located at Indiana University and maintains a continuous working relationship with I.U.'s Department of Special Education, particularly in the implementation of undergraduate training programs. An Instructional Development Laboratory is maintained where the games, simulations and multimedia training packages developed by CITH may be viewed without cost. Personnel from the Instructional Development Laboratory conduct a wide variety of seminars, conferences and workshops on the instructional development process. Personnel from the Teacher Education Laboratory conduct seminars and conferences on the use of computer technology and observation systems as methods for improving the classroom interaction skills of teachers. The Child Service Demonstration Center conducts in-service and pre-service workshops on the education of learning disabled children. CITH fosters contacts with local and State educational agencies. Active channels of communication are also maintained with other research and development facilities, with the Area Learning Resource Center-Regional Resource Center Network and other Federally funded projects and with such national organizations as the Council for Exceptional Children and the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities.

Nearly 2500 CITH research reports, working documents and training modules have been disseminated to relevant target populations; several research reports are being translated into foreign languages for international dissemination. A special library of CITH materials is being maintained at Technion University in Israel.

Persons wishing to use the information services or acquire information on the Center should contact Judy Gehlhausen, Coordinator of the Dissemination and Retrieval Unit, by letter at the above address.

Center for Law and the Deaf

See: NATIONAL CENTER FOR LAW AND THE DEAF

Center for Law and the Handicapped

See: NATIONAL CENTER FOR LAW AND THE HANDICAPPED

CENTER FOR SICKLE CELL DISEASE (Howard University)
2121 Georgia Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20059
PHONE: 202-636-7930

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sickle cell anemia.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Center for Sickle Cell Disease (Howard University) provides general information about sickle cell disease, as well as detailed information about: 1) its own services, 2) research about the disease and 3) specific characteristics and effects of the disease. The Center also supplies information about its own resources for diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and research. Information on genetic counseling and psycho-social services includes the Center's own services and those services of other organizations. Other areas of coverage are: 1) education, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training and the rights and needs of the handicapped employee, 3) income maintenance/security and 4) equipment/special devices/aids (primarily educational films, cassettes and videotapes).

SERVICES: The Center provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) sends the organization's newsletter. For lay persons, the organization will: 1) refer inquirers to direct service providers and 2) make inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf. Professionals are also provided with previously prepared bibliographies. The Center routinely refers local inquirers to Howard University's Medical Center (for direct service); others are referred to 15 other regional sickle cell disease centers and 24 clinics. If necessary, information requests are referred to the National Institutes of Health or the Foundation for Sickle Cell Anemia in Los Angeles.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may use the Center's information services.

Fees: Fees are charged for brochures, pamphlets, or fact sheets requested; other information is provided free of charge.

Notes: In addition to information, the Center also provides certain services in medical care, on-site, to victims of sickle cell disease or those with the genetic trait. People receiving these direct services are usually from the Washington area, but patients are accepted from other geographic areas; usually, they are referred to one of the nation's 15 centers or 24 clinics for sickle cell disease. Fees vary for these services.

All the centers (15) for sickle cell disease are funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health on a regional basis. Howard University's Center is the

oldest one and it is also one of the two located within predominately black institutions (the other is in Martin Luther King Post Graduate Medical School in Los Angeles). In the area of education, the Center annually sponsors a postgraduate course for physicians and allied health professionals such as nurses, health educators and others. Professionals outside of the medical field such as teachers and school counselors have also been included.

The Center engages in a considerable amount of research. Biomedical research is primarily being conducted in the area of modifying hemoglobin and its effects on various organs. In addition, research is in progress to find ways to ameliorate pain associated with the disease. There is also social research on the life style of victims, including all age groups and how they can function in society as self-supporting citizens. Other programs that the Center is involved in include: 1) orientation programs, 2) workshops and 3) parent's clubs. The Center is developing a tutorial service.

For information, contact the Center at the above address.

Cerebral Palsy Communication Group

See: TRACE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR THE SEVERELY COMMUNICATIVELY HANDICAPPED

CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICA

67 Irving Place
New York, NY 10003
PHONE: 212-254-7410

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) is a private national organization dedicated to the improvement of care and services for deprived, neglected and dependent children. To this end, CWLA: 1) develops standards for child welfare services, 2) maintains a library/information service and serves as a clearinghouse and forum for the knowledge and experience of individuals and agencies in the child welfare field, 3) conducts research, 4) provides consultation to agencies and communities, 5) holds educational conferences, 6) publishes professional materials and 7) works with national and international organizations to improve policies affecting the welfare of children. The League also operates the North American Center on Adoption (NACA) which concerns itself with the adoption of difficult to place children, including minority, older and handicapped children.

SERVICES: The League provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) sends the organization's newsletter and 6) permits on-site use of its holdings which include books, research reports, journals, periodicals, reports and surveys gathered from public and private organizations and agencies. Most of these services are provided by the CWLA's Information Service.

Publications of CWLA are also important information sources. The CHILD WELFARE journal, published ten months a year, includes articles of interest to agencies, universities and professionals on actual services affecting children. The quarterly NEWSLETTER is intended for the education of the general public. Two bibliographies, MENTAL RETARDATION: A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CWLA PUBLICATIONS 1960 thru 1971 and SELECTED REFERENCES: FOSTER FAMILY CARE FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN are provided on request. A publications catalog is also available.

The North American Center on Adoption has a special service available: the Adoption Resource Exchange of North America (ARENA). Through ARENA, the Center assists agencies in adoptive placement of children for whom no permanent homes can be found in their own locality. This is achieved by maintaining a registry of available families and children and making referrals of particular families and children who seem suited to each other. ARENA also offers consultation to those wishing to set up or improve State, provincial (Canada) and regional adoption exchanges. CWLA also makes available a personnel referral service for persons interested in securing executive and supervisory positions in the field of child welfare.

Age: CWLA concerns itself with the welfare of children of adoptive age, generally 0-17 years.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from CWLA's Information Service. Other services, such as field service consultation, are restricted to child welfare agencies.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Fees are charged for some publications.

Notes: The Child Welfare League of America was founded in 1920 and currently has 400 affiliated agencies nationwide. The Adoption Resource Exchange of North America was incorporated into the Center in 1967.

In addition to information and other services, the League engages in research to test the effectiveness of programs, to suggest ways to improve current procedures, practices and services and to add to the store of knowledge pertaining to the field of child welfare. Recent activities of the CWLA Research Center have included: compilations of data on adoption trends and salaries in child welfare agencies; a study of ways to hasten children's return home from foster care; a follow-up of adoption of black children by white families; and an evaluation of a program to divert children from the juvenile justice system.

CWLA is also responsible for accrediting child welfare agencies. Through accreditation the League: 1) determines whether agencies meet the requirements that are a condition to membership in CWLA and 2) encourages members to go beyond basic standards and to excel in their services for children.

CWLA sponsors eight regional conferences annually and a biennial Executives Conference for League Affiliates. Also biennially, the League holds a week long course for new member agency executives to discuss and advise on all facets of executive responsibility.

For information, contact the League at the above address.

CHRISTIAN RECORD BRAILLE FOUNDATION, INC.
4444 South 52nd Street
Lincoln, NE 68506
PHONE: 402-488-0981

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc. (CRBF) was organized to provide services and financial or other assistance to blind, visually and physically handicapped persons who cannot read normal ink print. Free talking magazines, tapes, cassettes, records and large print books are provided on religious and inspirational subjects.

SERVICES: CRBF distributes brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets and films or other audiovisuals to lay and professional inquirers upon request. These materials are primarily descriptive of the condition of blindness or the services of the Foundation. The Foundation publishes periodicals for different age groups in braille, large print and on record. One of these is the CHRISTIAN RECORD, a monthly devotional journal published since 1900.

CRBF also maintains an extensive free lending library of books on records, 7-inch reel tape, cassettes, in braille and large print. Catalogs for each category are available on request. Books are sent out on a 30-day loan basis.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation. Services, including subscription to periodicals, library privileges and direct services, are available to all blind and visually impaired persons. Fees: All information is provided free of charge; other services are free to blind and visually impaired persons.

Notes: The Foundation was established in 1899 and incorporated in 1942; it is sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. CRBF's services include scholarship assistance to qualified blind and physically handicapped youth and glaucoma screening clinics in cooperation with local eye specialists and organizations.

CRBF sponsors National Camps for Blind Children in both the U.S. and Canada. All legally blind children from 9-19 years of age are eligible to spend a free week at one of the camps especially chosen for geographic location and high standards. The program has been held annually since 1967; in 1975, 23 camps were held. In 1976, NU-VISION Camp, a special camp for multi-handicapped persons was inaugurated.

A number of Bible correspondence courses are offered by the Foundation. The courses, available in braille, large print, records and tapes, have been designed for children and adults and range from 10 to 40 lessons per course. Also available from CRBF are full vision books, children's books which contain braille (for the blind parent) along with ink print and bright, colorful illustrations (for the sighted child).

Those seeking information and handicapped persons seeking services should write or phone the Foundation at the above address and phone number. A WATS line number is 800-228-4189.

Clearing House Rehabilitation Counselor Training

See: NATIONAL CLEARING HOUSE OF REHABILITATION MATERIALS

CLOSER LOOK

Box 1492

Washington, DC 20013

PHONE: 202-833-4163

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sensory impairments in general, communicative impairments in general, neurological disorders in general and mental/emotional disorders.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Closer Look is a national information center established to help parents of handicapped children and youths locate educational programs and other kinds of special services and resources. Specific areas of coverage include: 1) general information about the handicapping conditions served, 2) education, including formal education of handicapped individuals and education of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 3) recreation/physical education, 4) activities of daily living and 5) civil rights/legislation. The organization places special emphasis on the rights of the handicapped individual. It encourages parents of handicapped children to press for the rights of their children to an education equal in quality to the education offered other children, and for the rights of handicapped persons to live normal and productive adult lives. In addition, Closer Look instructs parents on how to organize parent groups, gives technical assistance to coalitions working with handicapped individuals, supplies information packets tailored for specific handicapping conditions and helps plan State and local conferences on handicapped children.

SERVICES: For the lay inquirer, Closer Look provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers and State and local organizations, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, abstracts and indexes and 6) sends the organization's newsletter. The organization does not produce audio-visuals, but films are screened and critiqued. Most of their mail inquiries are responded to by mailing packets of information.

Age: Closer Look's information focuses on the 0-21 age group, but they will service anyone who writes them. There is no age cut-off for any disability.

User Eligibility: Priority is given to parents and other close relatives of handicapped children and youth. Services are extended to professional workers acting on behalf of a handicapped child. Services are not geared to supplying publications in bulk to professionals nor is the organization set up to assist research workers.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: Closer Look is a private organization funded by the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped, DHEW. The legislation responsible for its creation is the Elementary and Secondary Education Acts, 1968 Amendments.

For information, contact Closer Look at the above address.

CLOTHING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

One Rockefeller Plaza
Suite 1912
New York, NY 10020
PHONE: 212-765-0750

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All physical handicaps which restrict the ability of handicapped individuals to dress themselves or to use clothing designed for able-bodied individuals.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Clothing Research and Development Foundation (CRDF) was founded to help alleviate the clothing problems of physically handicapped individuals for whom daily dressing is a major effort. Its one basic purpose is to research, develop and promote clothing that will permit handicapped persons to dress themselves without aid or with minimal aid, or to be dressed more easily if they are completely dependent on others. The Foundation also assists, on a limited basis, in solving individual clothing problems of handicapped people who are unable to wear mass-produced clothes. Clothing developed by the Foundation is offered to manufacturers for production and marketing under the Foundation's label, "Functional Fashions." In addition, the Foundation grants approval to select manufacturers to design Functional Fashions for their regular lines and to sell them under that label.

SERVICES: The Foundation provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. CRDF also makes available a BIBLIOGRAPHY ON CLOTHING FOR THE DISABLED, produced by the Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine of New York University Medical Center.

Clothing designs are offered to manufacturers for production and marketing after each has been thoroughly tested. Research and development activities on the whole range of clothing items are carried on in consultation with rehabilitation experts throughout the country and with the aid of a Research Committee.

Age: The Foundation develops clothing for handicapped children and adults.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Clothing Research and Development Foundation was founded in 1961 as an outgrowth of a project sponsored by the Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine of New York University Medical Center. Showings of Functional Fashions have been held in principal cities under varied sponsorship including that of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and some of its local chapters, as well as that of medical and rehabilitation centers throughout the country. The Foundation also enlists the cooperation of manufacturers, designers and retailers. Currently participating in the Foundation's designer/manufacturer program are some of the country's top fashion leaders. Levi Strauss & Co., in cooperation with CRDF, has created customized jeans for those with special dressing needs. At present, some 350 stores in 43 States, the District of Columbia, Canada and England have ordered Functional Fashions.

Future objectives of the Foundation include: 1) consulting with rehabilitation centers throughout the country for their evaluation of the needs of handicapped individuals, 2) establishing clothing clinics at the national headquarters and in selected rehabilitation centers where handicapped persons may be brought for study of special and unusual clothing problems, 3) serving as a clearinghouse for information on clothing for handicapped persons and 4) developing and expanding an educational program directed to the general public as well as to handicapped persons through publicity, showings and demonstrations.

For information, contact CRDF at the above address.

CLOVERNOOK PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND
7000 Hamilton Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45231
PHONE: 513-522-3860

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments and deaf-blind.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Clovernook Printing House for the Blind prints braille books, magazines and other publications for children, young people and adults. It does braille embossing for governmental, religious and non-sectarian organizations, including the Library of Congress, and produces some publications at its own expense.

Overruns of books and magazines printed for organizations are made available to individuals, schools and libraries at cost.

SERVICES: The main function of the Printing House is to do job printing for other organizations. The Printing House will, however, provide lay and professional inquirers with lists of available overrun publications on request.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Printing House. The organization specializes in doing job printing for organizations.

Fees: Information is provided free of charge; publications are provided at cost to individuals and at varying fees for organizations ordering multiple copies.

Notes: The Clovernook Home and School for the Blind is operated at the same address as the Printing House. This Home provides and maintains rehabilitational, residential and work facilities for blind and visually handicapped persons. Blind individuals come from all over the United States to use: 1) the Rehabilitation Center which provides comprehensive personal adjustment training within a residential setting; this includes counseling and instruction in orientation and mobility, communication skills, personal management and domestic arts, 2) the Sheltered Shop where employment is provided for men and women 3) residence facilities for blind women who are able to work but whose personal or vocational competence and limited potential would not enable them to live or work independently. Fees vary for these services, but frequently sponsors absorb some of the cost for the individual; age limit is 18-55.

For information on these services, contact the Director of Social Services by letter or phone at the same address and phone as above.

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF REHABILITATION FACILITIES

4001 W. Devon Avenue

Chicago, IL 60646

PHONE: 312-282-8787

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) encourages the development and improvement of uniformly high standards of performance for all facilities serving handicapped individuals. The purposes of the Commission are to: 1) upgrade the rehabilitation facilities and improve the quality of services provided to handicapped individuals and disadvantaged persons, 2) offer the general public and providers, purchasers and recipients of rehabilitation facility services, through accreditation, a single means of identifying rehabilitation facilities throughout the country competent in performance, 3) develop and maintain standards which can be used by rehabilitation facilities to measure their level of performance and strengthen their program, 4) provide through the accreditation process an independent, impartial and objective system by which rehabilitation facilities can have the benefit of a total organizational review, 5) offer the facility, the community and consumers a mechanism of program accountability and assurance of continued high level performance, 6) feed back information to facilities obtained through site surveys, on common strengths and weaknesses of facility operations and 7) provide an organized forum for facility participation in standard-setting and program improvement.

The Commission also conducts research and educational activities related to standards for facilities and consults with facilities on how to prepare for accreditation.

SERVICES: The Commission answers inquiries by letter and sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets about the organization and the accreditation process to any lay or professional inquirer. CARF has

prepared a STANDARDS MANUAL FOR REHABILITATION FACILITIES and a Self-Study Questionnaire for use by facilities seeking accreditation. The CARF newsletter is sent to member organizations.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Commission. Frequent inquirers are directors of rehabilitation facilities and their staffs.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. There is a charge for the STANDARDS MANUAL and for site surveys for facilities desiring accreditation. The Self-Study Questionnaire is free to facilities applying for accreditation; others must pay a fee.

Notes: The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities was established in 1966 by and for the field of rehabilitation to adopt and apply standards in facilities throughout the country. The Commission's corporate sponsoring membership organizations include: American Hospital Association Section on Rehabilitation and Chronic Disease Hospitals, Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, Goodwill Industries of America Inc., National Association for Hearing and Speech Action, National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults and National Rehabilitation Association.

For information, call or write CARF at the above address.

Commission on the Mentally Disabled, American Bar Association
See: MENTAL DISABILITY LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER

COMMITTEE TO COMBAT HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE
250 W. 57th Street
Suite 2016
New York, NY 10019
PHONE: 212-757-0443

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Huntington's disease.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Committee to Combat Huntington's Disease (CCHD) is a national health agency dedicated to supporting: 1) research into the causes, effects and early treatment of Huntington's disease (HD), 2) a program of public and professional education so that affected families can receive the best care in their own communities, 3) a program to identify members of families affected with HD and 4) a program to aid the HD families in coping with the social, medical and psychological problems that accompany HD. In addition, CCHD provides general information on Huntington's disease as well as information in the following areas: 1) health, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment and maintenance of individuals with HD, 2) activities of daily living for afflicted persons, 3) genetic counseling and 4) civil rights/legislation, principally on legislation providing support for biomedical research into the causes of HD. The Committee's information is particularly strong in the area of public education.

SERVICES: The Committee provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) provides films or other audiovisuals and 5) sends the organization's newsletter. Lay inquirers are also referred to direct service providers when necessary. The CCHD RESEARCH FACT SHEET provides information on current research in HD supported by CCHD, the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke, the National Institute of General Medical Sciences and the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases. Another fact sheet, WHERE TO GO FOR HELP; WHERE TO GO TO HELP, provides information on referral and counseling services in various States, and on researchers that need the cooperation of HD families in their research. In addition, CCHD has prepared a COMPREHENSIVE PATIENT RESOURCES KIT with listings of facilities providing services for HD patients nationwide.

Age: Symptoms of HD usually appear between the ages of 18 and 40. However, since HD is a genetic disease, the disease is present (but undetectable) at birth.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from CCHD. Services are used most frequently by HD victims and their families.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Committee to Combat Huntington's Disease was founded in 1967. It has 38 chapters in 35 States and is a member of the National Health Council and the National Information Bureau. It has affiliations in Canada and the United Kingdom as well as in other European nations.

For information, call or write the national office at the above address.

COMMUNICATIONS FOUNDATION
600 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20037
PHONE: 202-333-0800

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments; in the future, sensory impairments in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Communications Foundation is dedicated to the application of modern technology to handicaps in human communications. Through technology, it seeks to increase the learning potential and participation in society of people with communications handicaps. The Foundation has two missions: 1) to research the need for special Communication aids (principally among the physically and socioeconomically handicapped) and 2) to encourage the development and distribution of such aids, free or at low cost, to those with communications handicaps.

Currently, the Foundation is engaged in several research and planning activities. Its largest research program has been sponsored by the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. In this program, the Foundation is: 1) identifying, examining and testing some of the more promising technological aids designed for blind and partially sighted persons, 2) developing hard data on employment circumstances, prospects and problems of blind and partially sighted individuals and 3) planning to establish, in cooperation with large corporations, pilot and demonstration projects involving the training and placement of blind and partially sighted persons in competitive industry through the use of appropriate technological aids. Other research projects in the planning or development stages will: 1) examine the application of technological aids to the education of visually handicapped children, 2) analyze the costs and the benefits, both economic and social, of providing compensatory aids for those whose handicaps limit their employability and 3) establish pilot and demonstration projects to test the effectiveness of various approaches and technological aids in improving the education, the employability and the personal lives of those with communications handicaps.

SERVICES: The Foundation provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. A newsletter is in the planning stage.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Communications Foundation was chartered in March 1973. In the future, the Foundation plans to: 1) institute a comprehensive plan for the provision of technological aids and services, free or at low cost, to persons with communications handicaps, 2) publish a periodical, monographs and full-length books dealing with human communication and communications handicaps and 3) expand the Foundation's Advisory Board to bring in leading people from the fields of communications, communications technology, education, economics and philanthropy.

For information, write the Foundation, stating the question and enclosing a return name, address and phone number.

COMPUTER ASSISTED PLACEMENT SERVICE

Medical Datamation

Southwest and Harrison Streets

Bellevue, OH 44811

PHONE: 419-483-6060

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental retardation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Computer Assisted Placement Service (CAPS) is designed to provide an individualized system of matching mentally retarded citizens with appropriate residential facilities. The system, currently in the developmental stages, takes into consideration the traits and needs of each citizen and compares them with the services provided by the facilities. The applicant receives a list of facilities with regard to his/her particular needs. The system will be fully operational in late 1976.

SERVICES: Applicant and facility information is gathered through the use of two specially designed questionnaires. The facility information is stored in the computer memory; the applicant questionnaires are computer processed. A ranking list of the six facilities that meet the needs of the applicant is produced. Information about facilities on this list includes: location; size; number of professional and nonprofessional staff; ratio of staff to residents in the facility; acceptance requirements; costs; and level of service provided in 12 areas (medical or nursing care, hearing-speech therapy, physical therapy, psychotherapy or counseling, self-help training, special education program, vocational training, community adaptation skills, recreational, arts and crafts, family counseling and social services and financial assistance). The computer also develops a summary of the applicant in standard resume format which can be used by the applicant's family in making initial inquiries of the facilities appearing on the ranking list.

The system is designed to have an ever expanding base of information about facilities all over the country. If a completed questionnaire and subsequent ranking does not identify a suitable place for the applicant, the system can be reused. Eventually the computer matching process should assist in placing the applicant.

In addition, CAPS will: 1) answer lay and professional inquiries by phone or letter, 2) provide brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets and 3) refer inquirers to other information centers when necessary.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional inquirer may use the CAPS system. Requests for information are frequently received from parents or guardians of mentally retarded persons, directors of residential facilities for mentally retarded individuals and from associations and State and local organizations concerned with helping families with retarded members.

Fees: All information, including computer processing of applications, is provided free of charge. Fees may be levied for computer processing in the future; currently a donation is requested but not mandatory.

Notes: The CAPS system was developed and is maintained by Medical Datamation, Inc., a medical data processing company in Bellevue, Ohio. When the system becomes fully operational, it will contain information on 200 facilities for mentally retarded persons; information on additional facilities will be added on an ongoing basis. For information, write or call the CAPS representative in c/o Medical Datamation at the above address.

CONFERENCE OF EXECUTIVES OF AMERICAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF, INC.
5034 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20016
PHONE: 202-363-1327

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf was established to: 1) promote the management and operation of schools for the deaf along the broadest and most efficient lines, 2) further and promote the welfare of deaf persons and 3) promote the professional growth of teachers of deaf individuals. The Conference carries on an extensive program of activities aimed at the attainment of these goals. It is a source of information on education, including formal education of deaf and hearing impaired individuals and education and training of personnel dealing with them.

SERVICES: The Conference provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets. An important information source of the Conference is the publication THE AMERICAN ANNALS OF THE DEAF, which the Conference publishes jointly with the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf. Each April issue is a DIRECTORY OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR THE DEAF IN THE UNITED STATES, a valuable reference tool. The Conference also publishes the proceedings of its annual meeting.

Age: Conference materials and information are primarily about hearing impaired and deaf children of elementary and high school age.

User Eligibility: The Conference is a membership organization; however, any lay or professional person may request information.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees are levied for membership and journal subscription.

Notes: The Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf, a nonprofit organization of schools in Canada and the U.S., was founded in 1868 at Gallaudet College under the name of the Conference of Superintendents and Principals of American Schools for the Deaf. It was incorporated in Maryland in 1958 and has a membership composed of schools and programs directly related to the education of deaf individuals and selected professional personnel.

The Conference meets annually in various parts of the U.S. and Canada, usually at a member institution. In odd numbered years, the Conference meets concurrently with the biennial meeting of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf.

Through its various committees, the Conference evaluates and accredits schools meeting established standards, certifies dormitory counselors of the deaf, reviews research activity in the area of deafness to formulate recommendations regarding needs and coordina-

tion of research efforts and evaluates and promotes studies of vocational educational programs, facilities and future needs. The on the Deaf-Blind, composed of representatives of the Conference and of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind, promotes improved educational opportunities for deaf-blind persons. The Joint Committee on Education of the Deaf and Audiology, composed of representatives of the Conference and the American Speech and Hearing Association, promotes better understanding and closer cooperation between the audiologist and the educator of the deaf and cooperative research studies.

Representatives of the American Association on Mental Deficiency and the Conference make up the Joint Committee on Education of the Deaf and Mental Retardation which engages in research and educational improvement for the mentally retarded deaf child.

The Conference is one of three organizations that comprise the Council on Education of the Deaf and is a member of the currently inactive Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf. It is closely affiliated with the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf (see separate listing).

For information, contact the national office at the above address.

Congress of Organizations of the Physically Handicapped

See: NATIONAL CONGRESS OF ORGANIZATIONS OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

CONVENTION OF AMERICAN INSTRUCTORS OF THE DEAF, INC.

5034 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20016

PHONE: 202-363-1327

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf (CAID) is a professional organization of teachers, administrators and professionals engaged in the education of deaf persons. The objectives of the Convention are to: 1) secure the harmonious union in one organization of all persons actively engaged in educating and counseling deaf persons in North America, 2) provide for general and local meetings of members from time to time, with a view of affording opportunities for a free interchange of views concerning methods and means of educating deaf individuals, 3) promote the education of deaf persons on the broadest, most advanced and practical lines by the publication of reports, essays and other information and 4) as an association, stand committed to no particular theory, method or system but seek to develop more effective methods of teaching hearing impaired children.

The Convention is a source of information on education, including education of deaf persons and education of professionals working with them.

SERVICES: The Convention provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter,

2) refers inquirers to other information centers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. The Convention, jointly with the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf, Inc., publishes THE AMERICAN ANNALS OF THE DEAF, one of the oldest journals on education of the deaf in the world. The April issue annually is a DIRECTORY OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR THE DEAF IN THE UNITED STATES, a valuable reference tool containing statistical information on deafness and services.

Age: Convention materials and information are primarily about hearing impaired and deaf children of elementary and high school age.

User Eligibility: Although the Convention is a membership organization, any lay or professional inquirer may request information.

Fees: Most information is provided free. Fees are levied for membership and journal subscription.

Notes: The Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf, incorporated in 1897 by an act of Congress, is a member of the Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf, Inc. and is closely associated with the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf (see separate listing). The Convention also sponsors an organization for parents of hearing impaired children.

For information on the Convention and its activities contact the national office at the above address.

COOLEY'S ANEMIA BLOOD AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN, INC.
647 Franklin Avenue
Garden City, NY 11530
PHONE: 516-747-2155

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Cooley's anemia.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Cooley's Anemia Blood and Research Foundation for Children, Inc. is committed to the eradication of this fatal genetic blood disease. The Foundation maintains Cooley's anemia treatment centers and operates a blood program nationwide which supplies free blood to Cooley's anemia patients. In addition, the Foundation funds multifaceted research projects in the United States and abroad and encourages the exchange of ideas among the medical profession. Areas of coverage relative to Cooley's anemia include general information about the disease as well as information on: 1) formal education of handicapped individuals, 2) employment of personnel working with individuals with the disease, 3) health, including prevention, diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 4) psycho-social services, particularly psychological counseling for those with Cooley's anemia and their families, 5) genetic counseling, 6) income maintenance/security, particularly information about insurance, 7) recreation/physical education, 8) activities of daily living, 9) equipment/special devices/aids, 10) civil rights/legislation and 11) research.

SERVICES: The Foundation provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests, 7) provides films or other audiovisuals, 8) sends the organization's newsletter and 9) permits on-site use of its library on Cooley's anemia.

In addition, the Foundation publishes materials on symposia it sponsors on Cooley's anemia and articles on the research progress of grant recipients. The Foundation also maintains a speakers bureau.

Age: Cooley's anemia is a genetic disease of children usually identifiable in the age group of 2-18 years.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Cooley's Anemia Foundation was established in 1954. Since its inception, the Foundation has conducted three worldwide symposia on Cooley's anemia; another will be conducted in 1977. For information, call or write the Foundation at the above address. (An additional phone number is: 212-347-5585).

COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN CEC Information Services
1920 Association Drive
Reston, VA 22091
PHONE: 703-620-3660

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) has as its principal purpose the advancement of the education of exceptional children and youth, both handicapped and gifted. To accomplish this purpose, CEC: 1) cooperates with educational organizations, school administrators, supervisors, parents and teachers, and cooperates with both public and private, local, State and national organizations which are interested in the education of exceptional children, 2) promotes adequate standards for professional personnel engaged in the education of exceptional children and 3) publishes EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN, the official journal of CEC, and other publications designed to strengthen and reinforce the educational processes for exceptional children.

Major activities of the Council for Exceptional Children include operation of the CEC Information Center and the ERIC Clearinghouse on Handicapped and Gifted Children. The Information Center and Clearinghouse serve as a comprehensive information center identifying and collecting

English language literature on the education of handicapped and gifted children, much of which is unavailable from commercial sources. The collection currently includes over 20,000 books, journal articles, curriculum guides, conference reports, research reports, guidelines and other similar materials. Citations and abstracts for these documents are prepared by CEC/ERIC staff and are computer stored for rapid retrieval.

CEC also operates the State - Federal Information Clearinghouse for Exceptional Children which maintains a data bank on State and Federal laws, regulations, and litigation involving handicapped and gifted children and provides information, products and technical assistance. In addition, CEC Training Institutes are offered which provide intensive study and instruction for developing skills and techniques in delivering services to exceptional children. Institutes are delivered by CEC trainers and are available for replication. Examples of current institute topics include "Placement of Exceptional Children" and "Due Process."

SERVICES: CEC's Information Center provides customized computer searches of literature in the Exceptional Child and ERIC data bases and provides topical bibliographies on popular topics. A new service, Selective Dissemination of Information, automatically and regularly provides current awareness of all literature acquired by the Center in the most frequently requested topics on a subscription basis.

Other information services of the Center include: 1) answering inquiries by phone or letter, 2) referring inquirers to other organizations or information centers, 3) sending brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets and 4) permitting on-site use of its holdings, including the collection of literature on the exceptional child and the entire collection of documents in RESOURCES IN EDUCATION (ERIC) on microfiche.

Publications of the Council for Exceptional Children include the following periodicals: 1) EXCEPTIONAL CHILD EDUCATION ABSTRACTS, which contains citations of all publications stored in the CEC Information Center, 2) TEACHING EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN, which includes information on instructional methods and learning materials designed or adapted for use with handicapped or gifted children, educational diagnostic techniques and evaluation of instructional materials, 3) EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN, the official journal of CEC which emphasizes current issues, research, and trends in special education and has a selection of articles on a broad range of educational topics and 4) INSIGHT, the CEC monthly governmental newspaper which contains information on State and Federal legislation, programs, and services for handicapped and gifted children. A wide range of other CEC publications, including books, monographs, and nonprint media, offer resources for continuing growth and practical assistance in many areas such as early childhood education, delivery of services, assessment and placement, research, children's rights, career education, cultural diversity and the gifted.

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Age: Generally, the subject matter of information or materials provided by CEC is about the 0-21 years age group. However, since CEC's primary focus is on education, which often extends well beyond age 21, CEC does have information on handicapped adults.

User Eligibility: CEC is a membership organization; however, any interested individual, lay or professional, may request information from CEC. Researchers, graduate students, parents and special education professionals all use the services regularly. Any interested person may become a member of CEC.

Fees: Computer searches cost \$35.00 (for nonmembers) up to 100 citations and \$5.00 for every 50 abstracts thereafter; topical bibliographies cost \$4.00; Selective Dissemination of Information costs \$75.00/year; EXCEPTIONAL CHILD EDUCATION ABSTRACTS costs \$35.00/year (for nonmembers). Prices for other publications, technical assistance, training, nonprint media and other services vary. Members receive a discount and institutions pay varying fees for publications and services. Other information services such as answers to inquiries by phone or letter, referral to other information centers, brochures, fact sheets and on-site use of the Information Center holdings are provided free of charge.

Notes: The Council for Exceptional Children was founded in 1922 and has 54 State federations and over 950 local chapters which conduct their own professional programs and produce publications. The Council has 12 divisions: 1) Association for the Gifted, 2) Council for Administrators of Special Education, 3) Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, 4) Council for Educational Diagnostic Services, 5) Division for Children with Learning Disabilities, 6) Division of Mental Retardation, 7) Division of Early Childhood Education, 8) Division of Children with Communication Disorders, 9) Division on the Physically Handicapped, Homebound, Hospitalized, 10) Division for the Visually Handicapped, Partially Seeing and Blind, 11) Teacher Education Division and 12) Division on Career Development. In addition to other activities, a major function of CEC is the sponsoring of an annual international convention and of regional and topical conventions and conferences for educators and other professionals in the field. Services of CEC are coordinated by the CEC Center on Technical Assistance, Training, and Information on the Exceptional Person.

For information, write the CEC Information Services or call toll free 800-336-3728 (Continental U.S. only). Virginia residents call collect, 703-620-3660.

CURRICULUM RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN MENTAL RETARDATION
Yeshiva University
55 Fifth Avenue
Room 1409
New York, NY 10003
PHONE: 212-255-5600 ext. 441

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental retardation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Curriculum Research and Development Center in Mental Retardation develops curriculum for the full range of mental retardation with particular emphasis on creating an effective methodology for teaching social adaptation to mentally retarded children and youth. The Center also conducts an array of evaluative studies related to teaching methodology and to problem solving capability. Information available from the Center concerns its own work and the SOCIAL LEARNING CURRICULUM (SLC) it has been developing.

SERVICES: The Center provides the following information services to professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets (a series of booklets describing the Center, the theory behind its work, the development and use of the SOCIAL LEARNING CURRICULUM and the field work and evaluation of SLC are available) and 3) sends the organization's newsletter on request. The SOCIAL LEARNING CURRICULUM developed by the Center (available in kits corresponding to the school group) may be obtained from the publisher, Charles E. Merrill, Inc.

Age: Information is provided on the full range of mental retardation, from severely and profoundly mentally retarded to the moderately and mildly mentally retarded; the age group covered is preschool through secondary school.

User Eligibility: The Center is prepared to answer professional requests for information concerning its activities. Information is most frequently provided to teachers, administrators and university staff.

Fees: Brochures are provided free of charge. Fees vary for other materials. The SLC is available for purchase from the publisher. Notes: The Curriculum Research and Development Center was founded in 1966 at Yeshiva University. Research is conducted on the premise that mentally retarded persons fail in adult life not because they lack academic skills, but because they lack appropriate social training. From this premise and the ensuing research, the Center developed its SOCIAL LEARNING CURRICULUM.

For information, call or write the Director, Dr. Herbert Goldstein, at the above address.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION
3379 Peachtree Road, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30326
PHONE: 404-262-1100

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Cystic fibrosis (CF) and other lung-damaging and gastrointestinal diseases of children, including severe asthma, chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis, childhood emphysema, pancreatic deficiencies and malabsorption syndromes concomitant with CF.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The goal of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF) is to identify the causes of the genetic disorder, cystic fibrosis (CF), and to provide care for children with CF and other lung-damaging diseases. The Foundation supports basic and clinical research on cystic fibrosis and related diseases and over 100 cystic fibrosis and pediatric pulmonary centers for diagnosis, care, teaching and research. CFF also conducts public and professional education programs, sponsors medical and scientific symposia and acts as a source of assistance and guidance to its chapters. The Foundation cooperates in a worldwide effort toward better understanding of genetic problems and pediatric pulmonary illnesses. Areas of information coverage relative to CF include: 1) education of medical personnel dealing with individuals with lung-damaging diseases, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training of the young adult with CF and the rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the CF employee, 3) health, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 4) psycho-social services, 5) recreation/physical education (information about school children with CF), 6) activities of daily living, 7) equipment/special devices/aids, 8) civil rights/legislation and 9) research.

Through research and improved methods of diagnosis and treatment, the life expectancy of individuals with CF has greatly increased. Many now survive into adulthood and live fairly normal lives. Because of this, CFF has begun providing information geared to the young adult with CF, such as information on vocational rehabilitation, employment, genetics and insurance. CFF also prepares information for employers on hiring the young adult with CF.

SERVICES: The CF Foundation provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) provides films or other audiovisuals and 6) sends the organization's newsletter. For professionals, CFF will also prepare bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests. CFF also produces publications which are important information sources for physicians and scientists. The QUARTERLY ANNOTATED REFERENCE contains abstracts of world medical literature on CF and serves as a vehicle for research information that would otherwise receive more limited or delayed circulation. Other professional publications include

CF Club abstracts and abstracts of the European Group for CF, as well as the IDEA SHARING NOTEBOOK which provides a compilation of instructional materials, clinic procedures and evaluation charts created and used by various CF centers. The Foundation has also published the GUIDE TO DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS, the GUIDE TO DRUG THERAPY FOR PATIENTS WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS, the DIRECTORY OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS, PEDIATRIC PULMONARY AND GASTROINTESTINAL CENTERS and other materials for medical personnel.

Age: The CF Foundation is concerned with children with lung-damaging disorders, in addition to teenagers and young adults with CF.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation. Many materials are specifically tailored to meet the information needs of parents of CF children, young adult patients with CF and health and school personnel dealing with individuals with CF.

Fees: Limited quantities of publications are provided free of charge. Organizations may purchase, and in some cases, borrow films.

Notes: The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation was established in 1955, and now has over 100 chapters nationwide. CFF is a member of the International Cystic Fibrosis (Mucoviscidosis) Association together with similar organizations representing 26 other countries.

To identify areas requiring further research, the CF Foundation sponsors periodic Guidance-Action-Projection (GAP) Conferences which bring together medical experts and basic scientists from a wide range of scientific disciplines. GAP Conferences have focused on a variety of topics including the unique "CF Factors," the metabolism of amino acids in CF and the reproductive problems of young adults with this disease. Results of current research studies of CF and other children's lung and digestive diseases are presented and discussed at annual CF Club meetings sponsored by the Foundation. Reports from GAP conferences and CF club meetings are distributed to scientists throughout the world.

For information, call or write the Foundation at the above address.

DATRIX II
Xerox University Microfilms
300 N. Zeeb Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
PHONE: 313-761-4700

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Datrix II is one of the services of University Microfilms International (UMI) whose main product lines are microfilm, microfiche and xerographic reproductions of dissertations, theses, serials, periodicals, out-of-print books and scholarly monographs. UMI is publisher of DISSERTATION ABSTRACTS INTERNATIONAL, COMPREHENSIVE DISSERTATION INDEX and AMERICAN DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS.

Datrix II is an outgrowth of the computer automation, for indexing and record keeping purposes, of the bibliographic data covering the doctoral dissertation collection. The computer data base includes virtually all dissertations ever published in the United States, most of the recent Canadian dissertations and a growing number from other countries. Every academic subject area is represented, including areas related to handicapping conditions, handicapped individuals and research in virtually every area of activity concerning handicapped individuals.

SERVICES: The Datrix II service is a mail-order computer automated information retrieval system which conducts a computer search to identify the doctoral dissertations written on a particular topic. Dissertations in the Datrix II file have been fed into the computer on the basis of keywords in dissertation titles and must be retrieved on the same basis. On the order form a user must list the words that best describe his/her topic. The set of words used represents all the words which must appear in a dissertation title for that title to be retrieved. The user is asked to express his/her research topic as a combination of individual words, not concepts or subjects, and to use as many alternate and synonymous words as possible. When the search strategy is developed, the data base is searched by computer and a printout of retrievals supplied to the inquirer.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request a search from the Datrix II service. Professionals and researchers are the most frequent inquirers, however.

Fees: Searches cost \$15.00 for 0-150 retrievals and \$.10 for each additional retrieval.

Notes: The Datrix II data base contains over 500,000 doctoral dissertations accepted by accredited, degree-granting U.S. universities since 1861, plus many from Canadian universities and some of foreign origin. It is maintained by the editors of COMPREHENSIVE DISSERTATION INDEX who update the file monthly. To request a search form or other information, contact Datrix II at the above address.

DEAFNESS RESEARCH FOUNDATION
366 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10017
PHONE: 212-682-3737

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The goal of the Deafness Research Foundation (DRF) is to explore causes, means of prevention, and treatments of deafness and other ear disorders. To this end, DRF strives to: 1) alert U.S. industry, the public and private philanthropy to the needs of ear research, 2) encourage more research scientists to focus attention on this field, 3) provide a central source of information necessary for

coordination of all research in this field and 4) raise funds to support research and conduct public and professional education programs. In addition, the Foundation conducts a nationwide program to encourage individuals with ear disorders to bequeath their inner ear structure for use in medical research. Leading universities and medical centers maintain temporal bone laboratories where these pathological specimens are studied.

Coordination of the network of temporal bone laboratories and maintenance of completed pledge forms, together with the medical histories of donors are carried out by the National Temporal Bone Banks Center of the Deafness Research Foundation located at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

SERVICES: DRF provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 3) sends the organization's newsletter. Lay inquirers are also referred to other information centers when necessary and provided with films and other audiovisuals on request.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from DRF. The most frequent inquirers are deaf and hearing impaired individuals. Eligibility criteria for a temporal bone donor are: 1) the individual must have a pathological condition of deafness and/or other ear disorders and 2) the donor's personal physician must submit the individual's medical records.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Deafness Research Foundation was established by Mrs. Hobart C. Ramsey in 1958. It is endorsed by leading medical organizations, including the American Otological Society, the American Laryngological, Rhinological and Otological Society, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology and the Section on Laryngology, Otology and Rhinology of the American Medical Association.

In addition to the National Temporal Bone Banks Program for Ear Research, DRF awards other grants for ear research. Research grants have been awarded in the areas of conductive hearing loss, sensorineural hearing loss (now a major focus of DRF), genetic deafness, noise and its effect on hearing, presbycusis and neuroscience. The Foundation also maintains reports of research being undertaken at various institutions, including the National Institutes of Health, the Ear Research Institute in Los Angeles, Baylor University School of Medicine Department of Otolaryngology, Mid-America Hearing Institute, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, Tulane University and others. For general information write the Executive Director; if the inquiry is of a medical nature write the Medical Director. Both are at the above address. For Temporal Bone Bank information, write George Nager, M.D., Department of Otolaryngology, Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland 21205.

DENTAL GUIDANCE COUNCIL FOR CEREBRAL PALSY
122 E. 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010
PHONE: 212-677-7400

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All physical handicaps.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Dental Guidance Council for Cerebral Palsy was established to: 1) further the development of adequate programs for the prevention and treatment of dental and oral diseases in persons with cerebral palsy, 2) promote the training of personnel for the dental care of individuals with cerebral palsy and 3) enlist the aid of the dental professional and coordinate all efforts to meet the oral problems of those who have cerebral palsy. The Council has expanded its mission to serve all those whose physical disabilities complicate normal dental care procedures.

The Council collects general information about disabling conditions as well as information in the following areas: 1) health, including prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance as related to dental disorders and 2) research. The emphasis is on dentistry for handicapped individuals.

SERVICES: The Council provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to direct service providers (dentists who treat handicapped persons), 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts. The Council's journal, DENTAL GUIDANCE COUNCIL FOR CEREBRAL PALSY BULLETIN, is an important information source.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Council. Members of the dental profession are the most frequent inquirers.

Fees: Most information is provided free; however, fees are charged for some publications.

Notes: The Council was established in 1948 and represents volunteer dentists who advise and assist in the establishment of dental programs for physically handicapped persons. An early objective of the Council was the establishment of special dental clinics for treatment and research. The first such clinic was opened in the early 1950's in cooperation with the Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

The Council awards fellowships to graduate dental students for specialized training in the treatment of disabled persons. It also sponsors seminars and one-day scientific meetings for dentists. Members travel throughout the country addressing interested groups and assisting in the establishment of programs.

The Council is funded by United Cerebral Palsy of New York City. For information, contact the Executive Secretary at the above address.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
3725 Alexandria Pike
Cold Spring, KY 41076
PHONE: 606-441-7300

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Disabled American Veterans (DAV) was founded to promote the welfare of service-connected disabled veterans and their dependents, and to provide a service program to assist such service-connected disabled veterans and their dependents in claims before the Veterans Administration (VA) and other government agencies. Areas of special concern include education, training, employment, vocational rehabilitation and income maintenance/security of disabled veterans.

SERVICES: DAV employs 275 National Service Officers in Veterans Administration regional offices in all 50 States and Puerto Rico to act as free of charge attorneys-in-fact, counseling and processing veterans' claims for compensation and benefits before the VA. Field service units provide these same services for veterans unable to travel to the regional VA office. In addition, DAV sponsors disaster relief, employment and legislative programs to assist and work for the disabled veteran and a national service officer training program. DAV provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

Age: DAV is concerned with disabled veterans, who are generally 18 years of age or older, as well as their dependents and survivors.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from DAV. Services are restricted to veterans of the United States military, their dependents and survivors.

Fees: All information and services are provided free of charge.
Notes: Disabled American Veterans was formed in 1922 to assist disabled veterans of World War I.

DOWN'S SYNDROME CONGRESS
20438 Renfrew Road
Detroit, MI 48221
PHONE: 313-494-5747

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Down's syndrome.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Down's Syndrome Congress (DSC) is an organization of parents and other persons interested in Down's syndrome whose goal is to keep professionals aware of the most current information on

Down's syndrome. The Congress provides general information about Down's syndrome, as well as information in the following areas relative to this genetic defect: 1) education, including formal education of handicapped individuals and education of personnel dealing with them, 2) diagnostic evaluation, 3) psycho-social services, 4) activities of daily living, 5) civil rights/legislation, 6) religion and 7) research.

SERVICES: For lay or professional inquirers, the Congress provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) prepares bibliographies, abstracts or indexes in response to certain individual requests, 3) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 4) sends the organization's newsletter. For the lay inquirer the Congress will also: 1) send brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 2) make inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf.

Age: The Down's Syndrome Congress deals with information about all age groups (life span of a person with DS is near normal, 40-60 years). However, the Congress concentrates much of its effort on children, especially in the area of early intervention.

User Eligibility: Any lay and professional person may request information from the Congress.

Fees: There are no fees for most information services; there is a fee for the organization's newsletter.

Notes: The Down's Syndrome Congress is made up of parents and other interested persons, who serve as the providers of information and referrals to members and others. DSC has regional agencies and local chapters throughout the country and is affiliated with the National Association for Retarded Citizens.

For information, contact DSC at the above address.

Easter Seals

See: NATIONAL EASTER SEAL SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN AND ADULTS

EASTERN CONFERENCE OF REHABILITATION TEACHERS OF THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED
3003 Parkwood Avenue
Richmond, VA 23221
PHONE: 804-786-2181

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments and deaf-blind.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of the Eastern Conference of Rehabilitation Teachers of the Visually Handicapped is to: 1) advance the work of rehabilitation teaching of the visually handicapped in all its phases, 2) promote improvement of the teaching skills of rehabilitation teachers, 3) foster a good public image and understanding of the re-

habilitation teacher, 4) promote communication with other disciplines in service to the visually handicapped and 5) provide opportunities for workshops, conferences and the expression of ideas concerning the profession of rehabilitation teaching.

SERVICES: For the lay and professional inquirer, the Conference will answer inquiries by letter and refer inquirers to other information centers when necessary.

Age: The subject matter of the information is limited to adults.

User Eligibility: Information services are provided to professional personnel working with blind and visually impaired persons. The Conference is a membership organization; however, a professional need not be a member to request information.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Eastern Conference of Rehabilitation Teachers of the Visually Handicapped was founded about 50 years ago. Its membership is concentrated in the Eastern seaboard States; however, requests for information are accepted nationwide. Members meet at biennial conferences.

Requests for information are best directed to the Conference's Secretary at the above address.

Edward Miner Gallaudet Memorial Library

See: GALLAUDET COLLEGE LIBRARY

EPHPTHATHA SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

P.O. Box 713

Sioux Falls, SD 57101

PHONE: 605-339-0066

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sensory impairments in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Ephphatha Services for the Deaf and Blind (ES) is a special service agency of the American Lutheran Church (ALC) designed to serve the needs and interpret the problems of individuals with either vision or hearing impairment. ES is ready to help all Lutheran congregations enlarge their ministry to members who might be deaf or hearing impaired, blind or partially sighted, or deaf-blind. It is an outreach program designed to stimulate member congregations and conferences to identify and serve handicapped individuals within their communities. ES is a source of religious counseling services and materials and information on psychological counseling. Its educational emphasis is designed to extend awareness, understanding and acceptance of sensory impaired individuals.

SERVICES: Ephphatha Services provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by letter,

2) refers inquirers to other information centers and direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) provides filmstrips.

Ephphatha distributes "portfolios" on both vision and hearing loss which contain numerous booklets, brochures, pamphlets and papers, some published by other organizations and some describing their own services. These packets of information contain suggestions for identifying and locating the sensory impaired individuals and integrating them into the Church community.

ES maintains a Church Registry of Sensory Impaired Persons which is viewed as the heart of the Service. The Registry contains specific information about the nature and degree of an individual's handicap. One of the primary goals of ES is to expand the Registry.

The 3-E program, Ephphatha's Educational Emphasis, is aimed primarily at member congregations to assist them in outreach programs and encourages the use of publications and materials.

ES offers a free braille and tape transcription service which has the ink print materials made available by the American Lutheran Church transcribed for handicapped individuals. Religious periodicals, including THE LUTHERAN STANDARD and SCOPE, are available on tape and cassette; SCOPE is also published in braille.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from ES. Lutheran congregations are the most frequent inquirers. Blind and visually impaired persons and professionals working with them are users of the transcription service.

Fees: Most information is free of charge, including braille, tape and cassette periodicals. Fees are charged for some films.

Notes: The Ephphatha Services for the Blind and Deaf is supported in part by the American Lutheran Church Division for Service and Mission in America. ES 3-E efforts are made at every level of the Church, including the local congregations, the clusters of congregations called conferences, the 18 jurisdictional units called districts and the national headquarters.

ES maintains four direct service centers for people who are deaf, blind or deaf-blind in the following areas: Tucson, Arizona; Fari-bault and Minneapolis, Minnesota; and at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Each one of these four centers is operated by a clergyman of the ALC who can communicate to deaf persons in the language of signs. Services are basically that of worship, education, pastoral care and direction of organized fellowship opportunities.

ES cooperates with Camp Knutson, a Church owned camp in Minnesota designed exclusively for all children with special needs.

Ephphatha cooperates closely with the Ministry to the Deaf of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (see separate listing).

For information, contact the organization at the above address.

EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF AMERICA
1828 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
PHONE: 202-293-2930

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Epilepsy; also learning disabilities, mental retardation, psychoneuroses and psychoses insofar as they are related to epilepsy.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Epilepsy Foundation of America (EFA) is a major national agency for people with epilepsy sponsoring a wide variety of programs and activities.

The Foundation provides general information about epilepsy, as well as specific information or referral in the following areas relative to epilepsy: 1) education, including formal education of the epileptic and education of personnel dealing with epileptics, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the epileptic employee and employment of personnel dealing with epileptics, 3) housing (mostly information about discrimination), 4) transportation (mostly information about acquiring a driver's license), 5) health, including prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 6) psycho-social services, 7) income maintenance/security, 8) recreation/physical education, 9) activities of daily living, 10) equipment/special devices/aids, such as aids to remind epileptics to take regular medication, medic alert bracelets and wallet identification, 11) civil rights/legislation and 12) research.

SERVICES: The Foundation provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf (mostly local or regional chapters), 3) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers (mostly local or regional chapters), 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests and 6) permits on-site use of its holdings.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from EFA.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge; there is a nominal charge for the organization's newsletter and for borrowing films. Fees are also charged for books, audiocassettes and multiple copies of literature.

Notes: Epilepsy Foundation of America (EFA) was formed about eight years ago. There are 161 local chapters throughout the nation which are divided into six regions. Both the national office and the local chapters provide information and referral; the local chapters also give direct services (i.e. financial aid, drug assistance, living arrangements, etc.). EFA is a membership organization, but its services are not restricted to members; the only criterion for membership is a desire to join.

EFA sponsors a number of special programs. Of first priority is its School Alert Program. This is an annual, nationwide effort initiated by the national office and implemented at the local level, and is one of EFA's major educational and informational efforts. It is a guide for classroom teachers, school nurses and others in recognizing epilepsy and managing it properly in the school community.

The program incorporates a variety of materials including literature, films, posters, lesson plans and other aids that can be used or adapted to different age levels and classroom situations. Other special programs and services sponsored by EFA include: 1) epilepsy month, 2) speakers bureau: available nationally and locally, 3) Press Bureau, which is a national news organization serving local chapters and 4) an information program for firemen, police, ambulance drivers and other service personnel on what to do for a person having a seizure, 5) annual conference, 6) national workshops, 7) a life insurance program (for members only) and 8) a low cost drug program (for members only).

The library at the national level contains approximately 800 volumes and 15,000 articles on epilepsy, related handicapping conditions and handicapping conditions in general. It also has films and A/V aids and many types of pamphlets, textbooks, working guide kits and position papers (re: insurance, cost to nation, advocacy, epilepsy in military, etc.).

Research consists of funding "seed grants" for training and research fellowships. Other awards sponsored include: 1) Journalism Award, 2) Social Services Award, 3) Medical Services Award and 4) paramedical support. The EFA Research and Training Institute conducts a variety of training courses annually on medical and social management of epileptics.

For information, contact EFA at the above address.

EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF
556 Zinnia Lane
Birmingham, AL 35215
PHONE: 215-247-2245

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Episcopal Conference of the Deaf is a national association of clergy and lay people whose purpose is to spread the Gospel of Christ among the deaf. The Conference: 1) acts as a clearing-house in the area of religious work among the deaf, 2) encourages the establishment of missions and 3) promotes recruitment, training and placement of qualified religious workers.

SERVICES: The Conference provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter (also by TTY), 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 5) provides films or other audiovisuals.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Conference. The most frequent inquirers are Episcopal ministers.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Episcopal Conference of the Deaf was organized in 1880 and is officially recognized by the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church as responsible for this special ministry. The Specialized Ministry has 31 clergy (12 of whom are deaf), one lay missionary and 40 lay readers and interpreters serving deaf people in 69 congregations and 33 dioceses.

For information, write Robert Cunningham, Executive Secretary, at the above address.

Mr. Cunningham is deaf and cannot be contacted by phone. For voice contact, call Rev. Roger Pickering, President, using his Philadelphia home phone number listed above or the phone number of All Souls Church, 215-247-1059. Rev. Pickering's address is 51 Woodale Road, Philadelphia, PA 19118.

EPISCOPAL GUILD FOR THE BLIND
157 Montague Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
PHONE: 212-625-4886

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The principal function of the Episcopal Guild for the Blind is to provide blind or visually impaired individuals with the teaching and devotional literature of the Episcopal Church through braille books, large type books, cassette recordings and disc recording. The Guild also maintains a small cassette reader service in other secular areas of interest and provides pastoral and casework counseling to blind persons, their families and friends to assist them in coping with the many problems related to blindness. The Guild acts as an information center in areas pertinent to blindness, such as public and private resources and facilities, and assists blind persons and their families and friends in making application to the appropriate facility. When necessary, the Guild acts as a liaison between the client and the agency in the ongoing rehabilitation process.

SERVICES: The Guild provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 5) sends the organization's newsletter.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Guild. Blind or visually impaired individuals are the most frequent users of its services.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: For information, call or write the Guild at the above address.

ERIC Clearinghouse on Handicapped and Gifted Children
See: COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

EVERGREEN TRAVEL SERVICE
19429 44th Street West
Lynnwood, WA 98036
PHONE: 206-776-1184

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments, deafness/hearing impairments, musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions in general, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophies, myasthenia gravis, Parkinson's disease, paralysis, poliomyelitis, stroke and mental retardation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Evergreen Travel Service (ETS) operates Wings on Wheels Tours for physically and mentally handicapped persons and White Cane Tours for blind and visually impaired persons. ETS will provide information on its own travel programs and has accumulated information on accessibility, travel procedures, travel needs of handicapped individuals and related topics. Tours operate in the United States and worldwide.

SERVICES: To inform inquirers of its tours, ETS provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 3) sends the Service's newsletter.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from ETS. Handicapped persons use the Service most frequently.

Tours welcome able-bodied family members and friends in addition to handicapped persons. Travelers must be able to routinely operate their own wheelchairs or bring a friend or attendant to do so; an attendant may be arranged for through ETS. Sick persons may not participate without doctor certification.

Fees: Information is provided free of charge. Tour fees vary.

Notes: Wings on Wheels Tours were originated in 1950 and White Cane Tours in 1965. ETS tours for handicapped persons have been around the world twice. The Service tries to provide the handicapped person all the experiences of the able-bodied tourist but at a slower pace. Currently, tours are available to the South Pacific, the Orient, Alaska, Greece, Israel, Switzerland and Hawaii. The Service plans to originate tours for the deaf-blind.

For information, contact the organization at the above address.

EYE-BANK ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.
3195 Maplewood Avenue
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
PHONE: 919-768-0719

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Eye-Bank Association of America (EBAA) is an association of tissue banks, predominantly eye-banks. The main function of its administrative office in Winston-Salem is to provide materials and information to persons who want to know how body tissue can be channeled for use after death. The Association also provides information to doctors and member eye-banks on the availability of eyes.

SERVICES: The administrative office provides information only, not direct services. For the lay and professional inquirer, the Eye-Bank Association will: 1) answer inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refer inquirers to other information centers (mostly member eye-banks), 3) refer inquirers to direct service providers (mostly member eye-banks), 4) make inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 5) send brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 6) send the organization's newsletter and 7) send abstracts (abstracts from the annual meeting held for surgeons and researchers). For member eye-banks and other professional inquirers, abstracts are prepared in response to special requests, films are provided and use of its small film library is permitted.

User Eligibility: Information on eye availability is provided only to member eye-banks and doctors. Other information on the function of the Association and how to donate an eye is provided to any lay or professional inquirer. Fees: Fees are charged for film rental and for preparation of abstracts in response to special requests; all other information is provided free. Eye tissue is neither bought nor sold as provided by the Code of Ethics of the American Association of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.

Notes: The Eye-Bank Association of America was founded in October, 1961 by the Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology for the purpose of promoting and standardizing the eye-bank movement. There are 63 member eye-banks and seven satellite eye-banks; in the past year, over 5,000 transplants were performed with tissue channeled through member eye-banks.

The EBAA is the only national organization providing ophthalmologists with current information on advances in corneal surgery. EBAA does not provide direct services; these are provided by eye-banks at the State level. Information is not given on where to obtain eyes for research; if a hospital or medical laboratory writes for this information, they are referred to local eye banks.

The Eye-Bank Association of America and its member eye-banks are served by a nationwide Emergency Radio Network (ERN) of volunteer ham radio operators who make two daily broadcasts about the emergency

need for eyes; they also broadcast information about available eyes (contact: Dr. Alson E. Braley, 2415 Townerest Drive, Iowa City, Iowa).

Each eye or tissue bank of EBAA follows a Code of Ethics established by the American Association of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. This Code establishes rules for the operation of the banks and for the provision and distribution of body tissue.

For general information about EBAA contact the Executive Secretary at the above address.

FLYING WHEELS TOURS
143 W. Bridge Street
P.O. Box 382
Owatonna, MN 55060
PHONE: 507-451-5005

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All physical handicaps.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Flying Wheels Tours provides independent and group travel for disabled clients and other interested persons. It not only gives disabled persons the chance to travel but teaches them to be independent and to live as near to a normal life as possible. The tour directors believe that the more handicapped persons travel, the more aware airlines and affiliated industries will become of the demands for accessibility.

Flying Wheels provides information primarily on its own services. It collects information on accessibility of facilities, places of interest and means of transportation; however, this information is gathered for tour planning purposes, not for dissemination.

SERVICES: Flying Wheels Tours disseminates information on its services to interested persons by: 1) responding to inquiries by letter, 2) sending brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets and 3) distributing the organization's newsletter.

Flying Wheels conducts both domestic and international tours for handicapped persons, their families and friends. The emphasis is on a leisurely pace. Tours are always escorted by people with a trained medical background, usually from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. The price of each tour includes assistance with daily routine needs, such as emptying of urinal bags, help in and out of bed and transfer in and out of all transportation vehicles.

Flying Wheels also offers individualized travel for handicapped persons; they will arrange vacations to any destination for handicapped travelers.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from Flying Wheels. Handicapped individuals and professional therapists are the most frequent inquirers.

Any physically handicapped individual may participate in a tour; however, potential travelers who require involved nursing such as

help with dressing, toilet care and feeding must bring along an attendant or arrange with Flying Wheels for extra care at a nominal fee. Able-bodied individuals are also welcome on tours. Responsible, reliable and aggressive members of the rehabilitation professions are invited to serve as tour escorts.

Fees: Tour fees vary according to destination, duration of trip and other factors affecting cost. Brochures are distributed free. There is a small charge for the newsletter and other mailing list information.

Notes: Flying Wheels Tours is owned and operated by Judd Jacobson, a quadriplegic who also owns three retail travel agencies. For information on tours, write Flying Wheels Tours at the above address.

Foundation for Research and Education in Sickle Cell Disease
See: SICKLE CELL DISEASE FOUNDATION OF GREATER NEW YORK

4-H YOUTH EXTENSION SERVICE
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, DC 20250
PHONE: 202-447-5853

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: 4-H is part of the national education systems of the Cooperative Extension Service in which the U.S. Department of Agriculture, State Land-Grant Universities and counties share. The overall mission of the Extension Service in conducting 4-H Youth programs is the development of youth individually as responsible and productive citizens. While the Service does not have a formal program for handicapped youth, increased opportunities for the involvement of both mentally and physically handicapped youth in local 4-H Youth programs have been provided in many areas. The national office is aware of many of these programs and has prepared some information about them.

SERVICES: For the lay and professional inquirer, the 4-H Extension Service will answer inquiries by letter and send brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets about the 4-H Program and some information on programs for handicapped youth in operation in various States. For more detailed information on programs for handicapped youth in each State, the Service refers inquirers to the appropriate State Extension Service at the Land-Grant University of that State.

Age: The 4-H Youth Program concerns itself with young people ages 9-19.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Extension Service.

Fees: Information is provided free of charge.

Notes: For information, contact the Service at the above address.

Functional Fashions

See: CLOTHING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

GALLAUDET COLLEGE LIBRARY

Edward Miner Gallaudet Memorial Library

Florida Avenue & Seventh Street, N.E.

Washington, DC 20002

PHONE: 202-447-0884

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Gallaudet College Library has general information on deafness/hearing impairments, as well as information on many specific aspects of the disability. Additional areas covered are: 1) education of deaf individuals and persons working with them, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, the rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the deaf employee and employment of personnel dealing with deaf persons, 3) psycho-social services, 4) recreation/physical education, 5) equipment/special devices/aids, 6) civil rights/ legislation and 7) research. The Library serves persons on campus and many others in the field of deafness, speech and hearing.

SERVICES: Lay inquirers are permitted on-site use of the Library's holdings and are provided with films or other audiovisuals on request. For the professional inquirer, the Library provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) prepares bibliographies, abstracts or indexes in response to certain individual requests, 3) provides previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and 4) refers inquirers to other information centers. Professionals are also permitted on-site use of the Library's holdings.

User Eligibility: All interested persons are permitted to use the Library. Certain services are restricted to professionals (see above). Graduate students and faculty of other academic institutions may borrow Library materials through interlibrary loan. Bibliographies, abstracts and indexes are specially prepared primarily for Gallaudet graduate students and faculty.

Fees: All services are free of charge, except for photocopying of periodical articles for which there is a charge of \$.10/page or a minimum charge of \$1.50. Notes: The Library's deaf collection is one of the largest in the world and covers all areas relevant to hearing disorders. The publisher, G.K. Hall published a DICTIONARY CATALOG ON DEAFNESS AND THE DEAF which indexes all of the Library's collection on deafness up to 1970.

For information, call or write the Library at the above address.

Gallaudet College--Linguistics Research Laboratory
See: LINGUISTICS RESEARCH LABORATORY

Gallaudet College--National Center for Law and the Deaf
See: NATIONAL CENTER FOR LAW AND THE DEAF

Gallaudet College--Office of Demographic Studies
See: OFFICE OF DEMOGRAPHIC STUDIES

George Washington University--National Center for Law and the Deaf
See: NATIONAL CENTER FOR LAW AND THE DEAF

GESELL INSTITUTE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT
310 Prospect Street
New Haven, CT 06511
PHONE: 203-777-3481

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments, deaf-blind and learning disabilities.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of the Gesell Institute of Child Development is to conduct research and to provide diagnostic services, visual evaluations and visual therapy in the area of child development. The Institute offers general information on disabling conditions, especially as they relate to child development, as well as information in the following areas: 1) education, including formal education of handicapped individuals and the education of persons dealing with them, 2) psycho-social services and 3) research in visual development, child development and learning problems. Information is particularly strong in vision development and child development, the areas in which the Institute conducts research.

SERVICES: The Institute provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 5) permits on-site use of its literature and film holdings.

The Gesell Institute also offers a number of direct services. Diagnostic developmental services are given to children aged 5-12, and vision services are offered to youngsters from infancy to college age, when abnormalities such as slow development or poor academic achievement are related to poor vision. Counseling services are also available for parents of children with behavioral, academic or developmental difficulties.

Age: The information provided covers the age group of infancy through 17 years of age. Diagnostic developmental services are given to children 5-12 years; vision services are given to children 0-17.

User Eligibility: Information services are provided to handicapped and non-handicapped individuals, their families and friends, professionals working with them and researchers. Educators, pediatricians, parents, psychologists and optometrists are the most frequent users of these services.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. There may be fees for brochures, pamphlets and for use of films and audiovisuals. Fees for direct services vary.

Notes: The Gesell Institute of Child Development was founded in 1950 in honor of Dr. Arnold Gesell, the child specialist who founded the Yale Clinic of Child Development. Research efforts currently include the new standardization of the Gesell Preschool Norms, somatotyping and preschool visual development for the refinement of additional diagnostic tests. The Institute also sponsors public service and educational activities. These include syndicated newspaper columns by staff members, television series, public lectures, workshops for teachers and psychologists in developmental testing and perceptual training as applicable in the classroom, as well as workshops for professional optometrists. Postdoctoral courses for selected optometrists provide specialized training in child vision care. The Institute also has a nursery school which serves as a laboratory for the observation of preschoolers and as a center for training nursery school teachers.

For information, call or write the Institute at the above address.

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A. Scouting for Handicapped Girls Program
830 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022
PHONE: 212-751-6900

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Scouting for Handicapped Girls Program is a special program of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. designed to integrate the handicapped girl into regular troop and camping activities. The national office provides fact sheets and guidelines on scouting for handicapped girls but is not involved in organizing or establishing special programs or activities. Individual leaders, however, may adapt activities to suit the abilities and limitations of handicapped girls within their own troop.

SERVICES: For the lay and professional inquirer, the Girl Scouts provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers and 3) provides brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets about Girl Scouting. Special fact sheets have been prepared on the mentally retarded girl in Girl Scouting, and a catalog and price list are available which list Girl Scout publications available in braille and large type.

Age: Girls 6-17 may become Girl Scouts. Mentally retarded girls who are members of institution troops may remain members until their 21st birthday.

User Eligibility: Any individual may request information about Girl Scouting.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The programs and purposes of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. are administered through 355 local Girl Scout Councils chartered by the National Board of Directors.

For information, write Mrs. M. Robert Barnett, Program Department.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF AMERICA, INC.
9200 Wisconsin Avenue
Washington, DC 20014
PHONE: 301-530-6500

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Goodwill Industries of America (GIA) and its member local Goodwill Industries provide rehabilitation services, training, employment and opportunities for personal growth as an interim step in the rehabilitation process for handicapped, disabled and disadvantaged persons who cannot be readily absorbed in the competitive labor market. The national office provides an umbrella of services, materials and supervision to ensure proper local performance. Its activities include: 1) promotion of local interest in Goodwills and assistance in their organization, development and expansion, 2) research into new product development to provide work for handicapped people, 3) serving as liaison and advisor to Goodwills in 16 foreign countries, 4) review of local programs and certification of those meeting national standards and 5) provision of such general services as advising local, State and Federal governments on rehabilitation and employment of the handicapped worker, counseling on local programs, production of handbooks and other aids in local operation and administration.

In addition, the national office provides information in the following areas primarily concerning its own services: 1) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the handicapped employee and employment of personnel working with handicapped individuals, 2) health, including limited diagnostic evaluation and rehabilitation, 3) psycho-social services, 4) housing, 5) transportation, 6) income maintenance/security, 7) activities of daily living and 8) religion. Information is particularly strong in the areas of vocational rehabilitation, housing and advocacy.

SERVICES: GIA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

Direct services are provided locally and consist of: 1) job testing and counseling, 2) job training and placement and 3) sheltered employment for those too severely handicapped to find jobs in private business and industry. Member Goodwills also provide one or more of the following services: 1) physical therapy, 2) medical attention, 3) counseling, 4) prevocational help and 5) placement in jobs outside Goodwill Industries. In some communities, member Goodwills have expanded to include day nurseries, summer camps or housing programs for aged and handicapped individuals. While the national office is aware of many of these services, it should be noted that local members are autonomous and develop and operate their own facilities; therefore, the national office may not have information on particular services provided locally. However, it can refer to local members.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from GIA.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: Goodwill Industries of America was founded in 1902 to assist handicapped individuals in learning trades, acquiring skills and receiving income through the repair, restoration and resale of household articles and clothing collected from interested donors. In 1974, GIA constituted one of the largest networks of privately operated rehabilitation workshops in the world, with 156 member units in the U.S. and 16 related operations in other countries. The member units are incorporated independently with local boards of directors. A volunteer group of 20,000 persons contributes about 500,000 hours of time annually to the program.

For information, contact GIA's office of Public Relations at the above address.

GOSPEL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND
P.O. Box 13
College Point, NY 11356
PHONE: 212-353-7577

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments and deaf-blind.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Gospel Association for the Blind, Inc. is devoted to furnishing braille religious periodicals, a free braille circulating library, talking book and cassette recorded libraries and related materials to blind individuals throughout the U.S.A. and 47 other countries. Braille services are also provided to deaf-blind and deaf-blind mute persons. General information is provided about handicapping conditions, as well as information in the following areas: 1) education, including formal education of handicapped individuals and education of personnel dealing with them (instruction is given in reading and writing braille), 2) psycho-social services, 3) activities of daily living and 4) religion.

SERVICES: For the lay inquirer, the Association provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 5) sends the organization's newsletter. In addition, the Association conducts an annual summer camping session for blind teenagers and adults, and provides temporary direct aid to newly blind persons while directing them to more permanent sources of income, welfare or rehabilitation. It also sponsors weekly religious radio broadcasts.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: For information, call or write the Association at the above address.

GUIDE DOG FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND
109-19 72nd Avenue
Forest Hills, NY 11375
PHONE: 212-263-4885

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Foundation provides trained guide dogs to qualified blind persons worldwide.

SERVICES: The Foundation trains suitable breeds as guide dogs using both the English and the American methods. Four-week training sessions for blind persons are held at the Training Center of the Foundation in Smithtown, New York. The student is taught to manage every type of mobility situation from country lanes without sidewalks to crossing busy city streets and learns to travel on all forms of public transportation. Proper care and grooming of the dog are also part of the program. Whenever possible, the instructor visits the student's home immediately after the training program to help the student adjust to his/her home environment. Routes are established and advice given on specific local situations that may be unfamiliar to the blind individual.

Age: An individual must be 16 years of age or older to receive a guide dog. No maximum age has been set.

User Eligibility: According to the organization, not every blind person can use a guide dog. Most applicants are interviewed by a member of the training staff and the training committee prior to their acceptance. To qualify the individual must be totally blind or have serious visual limitations, be in good physical health, and need the dog for a constructive purpose, i.e., work, family duties,

school. The applicant must be able to provide adequate housing and care for the dog. Dogs are not given to mendicants.

Fees: Dogs are provided free to qualified applicants. Additional expenses are absorbed by the Foundation, including the expenses for training the dog, training the applicant and boarding the applicant during the training period.

Notes: The Foundation is one of the few organizations that provide a guide dog service without charge. Individuals interested in applying should contact Samuel Picker for information. Brochures about the service are available for distribution. The breeds of dogs used are primarily the Labrador retriever, the golden retriever and the German shepherd. The Foundation is also known as Second Sight-Guide Dog Foundation and Guiding Eyes-Guide Dog Foundation.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND
P.O. Box 1200
San Rafael, CA 94902
PHONE: 415-479-4000

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. is a charitable organization dedicated to providing highly trained guide dogs and training to use them free to qualified blind men and women.

SERVICES: Four-week training sessions are held for blind students at the organization's training facility in San Rafael, California. Each class of 16 students is assigned two instructors, one of whom must be licensed, who select the dog being careful to see that dog and master are matched according to temperament. The instructors lecture on the care and feeding of the dog and give instruction in the use of the harness. The actual training progresses from the residential section of San Rafael, to the business district of San Rafael and finally to the busy downtown traffic of San Francisco. After the four-week session, the school maintains a follow-up service for its blind graduates. Instructors are sent into the field periodically to call on graduates either at their home or place of employment to assist with any problems that may have arisen.

In addition to training blind students, Guide Dogs breeds and trains its own dogs. German shepherds, Labrador retrievers and golden retrievers are used in the training program which begins when the dog is 4-16 months old. All dogs are born and live in the kennels until they are 3 months old, when they are farmed out to 4-H children to be raised in a family atmosphere until they are old enough to be trained. Training of a guide dog takes from three to five months.

Age: The minimum age for obtaining a guide dog is 16 years of age; no maximum age has been set.

User Eligibility: To be eligible to receive a guide dog, a person must be legally blind, furnish a current medical report from his/her doctor, submit names of three character references and must desire the dog for mobility and independence. Each applicant is interviewed by a staff member in his/her home or place of employment prior to acceptance, and any welfare agency with whom the applicant is connected is asked for a report.

Fees: Dogs are provided free to qualified applicants. Additional expenses are absorbed by the organization, including expenses of training the dog, training the applicant and boarding the applicant during the training period. The applicant however, is asked to provide his/her own transportation to the training facility. Assistance is given if necessary.

Notes: Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. is licensed by the California State Guide Dog Board and operates under License No. 1. Instructors in California must also be licensed; an instructor is licensed after serving a three-year apprenticeship and passing a rigid examination administered by the State Guide Dog Board.

Although the blind person is given custody of the dog, the dog continues to belong to Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. In this way, the organization has some control over the treatment of the dog. Guide Dogs requires each graduate to sign a contract promising to care for the dog properly, treat it kindly, use it for guide work and not just as a pet and not to use it for begging purposes. Also, the organization requires a twice yearly checkup of each guide dog by a veterinarian.

For information, write or call the organization's Social Service Department at the above address.

GUIDING EYES FOR THE BLIND, INC.
106 E. 41st Street
New York, NY 10017
PHONE: 212-683-5165

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB) provides trained guide dogs and instruction in their use to visually impaired persons from all over the United States who are physically, mentally and emotionally prepared to benefit from a guide dog. GEB's staff of instructors are all products of a three-year apprentice program.

SERVICES: Guiding Eyes for the Blind conducts a 26-day training course designed to teach the visually handicapped individual the techniques and procedures necessary to properly utilize the services of a well-trained guide dog. Standard class size is 12, although classes of 18 are becoming increasingly popular. No more than six students are assigned to any instructor. Training of the dogs and the students takes place in four separate communities varying in size and complexity, as well as in

a number of rural areas. Each location has been selected because of its particular mobility problems. Training progresses from very simple routes to complicated travel, entailing heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic situations, and requiring the blind person to travel independently. Guiding Eyes also conducts an extensive program of follow-up and graduate services to assure that the individual and the guide dog continue to function smoothly together as a team.

Guiding Eyes' school for instructors is an apprenticeship program requiring three years of specialized training in working with guide dogs and their masters.

Age: An applicant must be 16 years of age. There is no maximum age limit.

User Eligibility: A candidate need not be totally blind to qualify for training; as long as the degree of vision precludes safe mobility, an individual may be eligible. Employment is not a prerequisite to making application, as long as the individual has a reasonable need for independent mobility via a guide dog and is willing to assume the responsibility for the care and proper use of the dog.

To be eligible for the instructors' training school, an individual must have a minimum of a high school education, though many have advanced education in subjects which relate to the work. A person must be in excellent physical condition and have a normal height-weight ratio. A person starting in the field should be no older than 30 nor younger than 20 due to the strenuous physical demands of the work.

Fees: Guiding Eyes does have a tuition fee; however it is a suggested, not a required fee. No qualified and accepted applicant is denied training due to financial hardship. Currently, the fee is \$150.00 for the first dog and \$50.00 for each replacement, should a replacement become necessary in later years. Costs for transportation to the training school are assumed by the organization.

Notes: Guiding Eyes for the Blind was incorporated in 1954. Its training facilities are located in Yorktown Heights, New York, 45 miles from New York City. GEB is accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped in the U.S.

To assure the quality and temperament of its guide dogs, Guiding Eyes began its own breeding program in 1966. This program specializes in three breeds: the Labrador retriever, the golden retriever and German shepherds. A program of observation and initial development is conducted in cooperation with 4-H Clubs in New York State to determine whether the puppy has the basic characteristics necessary for guide work--intelligence, temperament and trainability. For the first 12 months of its life, the puppy is raised in a home environment by a young 4-H member. The costs of maintaining the dog are assumed fully by the school. After one year, the dog is returned to the school for training as a guide dog. All dogs must meet the Guiding Eyes standards to be accepted.

Information on Guiding Eyes may be obtained by calling or writing the organization at above address. Booklets describing the organization and its services are available in braille, on talking book records and on magnetic tape for visually impaired persons who request them.

Guiding Eyes--Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind

See: GUIDE DOG FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND

HADLEY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

700 Elm Street

Winnetka, IL 60093

PHONE: 312-446-8111

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments and deaf-blind.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The objectives of the Hadley School for the Blind are to: 1) provide educational, rehabilitational and vocational training service, without cost, to persons who cannot, because of a serious visual impairment, or because of both a visual and hearing impairment, use ordinary books in the pursuit of knowledge, 2) serve as an educational research and resource center, both in educational affairs and in professionally approved projects, 3) serve as a resource and information center for the general public and those interested in blindness and deaf-blindness and 4) provide prospective teachers and social workers, both blind and sighted, with professional training programs for work in the rehabilitation, education and vocational training of blind and deaf-blind persons. Hadley provides information on blindness, visual impairments and deaf-blindness. Its information is particularly strong in the area of education, including formal education of visually impaired individuals and education of personnel working with them.

SERVICES: The Hadley School for the Blind provides both information and direct educational services on an international basis. For lay inquirers, the School answers inquiries by phone or letter and refers inquirers to other information centers. Both lay and professional inquirers are provided with brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. Hadley's special area of expertise is education. It provides correspondence education for blind persons through every available medium: letters, cassettes, reel-to-reel tapes, braille and the telephone. A one-to-one tutorial system supplements the basic correspondence format. Courses may be taken for academic credit or self-fulfillment; avocational, vocational, high school and college level courses are offered. The student interested in earning a high school diploma can earn a fully accredited Hadley diploma or credits needed to graduate from his local school. Hadley's college program provides students the opportunity to arrange an almost unlimited variety of college courses through cooperation with the extension services of many universities.

Hadley's Computer Resource Center offers a limited resource service to blind programmers in cooperation with a group called Visually Impaired Data Processors International. (VIDPI is an independent group of blind programmers who exchange programs and information to prevent duplication of effort. The VIDPI Secretary is Mary J. Schmidt, phone 312-875-7998.) The Center provides information about the availability of computer texts, and catalogs manual braille and tape sources.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the School. Courses are open to all visually impaired or deaf-blind persons.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Correspondence courses are offered without tuition.

Notes: The Hadley School for the Blind was founded in 1921 by William A. Hadley, a blinded high school teacher. The first college level courses were added in the early 1940's. Hadley now has offices in Columbia, Argentina, Brazil, Spain, France, Italy, Greece, India and Kenya.

Students interested in the program should request the STUDENT INFORMATION BULLETIN which provides course descriptions. The separate academic departments are as follows: 1) Braille Studies, 2) Rehabilitation and Life Skills, 3) English, 4) Social Studies, 5) Mathematics and Computer Science, 6) Science, 7) Classical and Biblical Languages, 8) Music, 9) Communication Skills, 10) Modern Languages, 11) Business Studies, 12) Public Education and Blindness Prevention, 13) Religious and Bible Studies and 14) Educational Projects.

The Hadley School for the Blind is accredited by the National Home Study Council and the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped. It is an affiliate member of the National University Extension Association and maintains affiliations with national and international agencies involved in blind welfare.

For information, call or write the School.

HANDY-CAP HORIZONS
3250 E. Loretta Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46227
PHONE: 317-784-5777

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All physical handicaps.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Handy-Cap Horizons (H-CH) is a nonprofit volunteer organization which arranges worldwide group tours for physically handicapped individuals.

SERVICES: Handy-Cap Horizons tours are geared to handicapped individuals and all the arrangements for tour participants are made by the organization. Planning for each tour begins months and sometimes years in advance. Ramped entryways, street level entrances and elevators are identified in deference to tour members in wheelchairs or on crutches;

bathroom doorways are examined to assure that they are wide enough for wheelchairs, and accessibility of dining rooms and restaurants is checked. Group reservations are also made with airlines and other forms of transportation, and every effort is made to secure the best possible rates for tour members. H-CH always secures special discounts and free admissions for attractions. Tour escorts, specially trained to assist handicapped persons, accompany the tours at their own expense. In addition to its tour-planning activities, H-CH also publishes a quarterly newsletter, HANDY-CAP HORIZONS, which contains tour information and travel and other articles of interest to members of the organization.

Age: Tours are not restricted by age.

User Eligibility: Any handicapped individual may participate in a tour. Able-bodied members of the participant's family or friends are also welcome, provided they agree to provide assistance during the tour. Individuals are encouraged to join the organization before going on a tour.

Fees: Prices of tours vary; members of H-CH receive discounts on tour packages. Individuals unable to assume the costs of a tour are frequently sponsored by other persons or organizations. Membership costs \$6.00/year for individuals and \$7.00 for families. A subscription to the newsletter is included in the membership.

Notes: Handy-Cap Horizons is an Indiana chartered organization, which grew out of tours for handicapped individuals conducted since 1957 by Mrs. Dorothy Axsom of Indianapolis. In 1963, the Handy-Cap Horizons Club was organized, largely to qualify for group travel rates, and the first issue of the newsletter was distributed in 1964. In 1965, the organization was incorporated.

Dorothy Axsom is the founder, president, tour sponsor and full-time volunteer of the organization. She has personally arranged all the tours undertaken, which to date number approximately 50. Tours have been conducted across the Continental U.S., and in Western and Eastern Europe, Greece, the British Isles, Africa, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, the Caribbean and South America. In 1967, Handy-Cap Horizons was appointed "traveling representative" of the People-to-People Committee for the Handicapped for its tour to Europe and the Holy Land.

In addition, Mrs. Axsom has raised funds twice to bring handicapped individuals from Great Britain to the U.S. Handicapped individuals from various countries often join the H-CH groups on other tours. For information, contact Dorothy Axsom at the above address.

HELEN KELLER NATIONAL CENTER FOR DEAF-BLIND YOUTHS AND ADULTS
111 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, NY 11050
PHONE: 516-944-8900

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deaf-blind and autism, learning disabilities, mental retardation and psychoneuroses when these are present

in deaf-blind youths and adults; also deficiencies in muscle tone, posture, balance and other areas which are related to deaf-blindness or result from the extreme deprivation of many deaf-blind people.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults was established to provide evaluative and rehabilitative services. Its objectives are to: 1) identify and locate those deaf-blind youths and adults eligible to receive services from the Helen Keller National Center or other agencies, 2) provide initial assessment of physical and psycho-social functioning to determine if an individual might be successfully rehabilitated and 3) provide individualized rehabilitation training, based on evaluation, to assist the individual in communicating, gaining employment and participating in the community. In addition, the Center cooperates in medical research into the causes and prevention of deaf-blindness and conducts research into the personal adjustment, education and rehabilitation of the deaf-blind individual. The Center also strives to innovate techniques of rehabilitation and designs or improves upon sensory aids that will reduce the effects of deaf-blindness.

Community education programs and studies to evaluate the effectiveness of services offered by the Center are conducted and training provided to rehabilitation specialists in deaf-blindness. A National Register of Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, which provides demographic information on the deaf-blind population useful in planning future services, is maintained.

SERVICES: The Helen Keller National Center provides direct services to deaf-blind individuals who qualify at its New York facility. Upon admission, clients receive individual comprehensive evaluations of their health status, physical and mental capacities, the usefulness of any hearing and/or sight they may have, educational background, social skills, interests and a variety of other assets and liabilities which bear upon their potential for rehabilitation. Based upon this evaluation, clients receive individualized instruction in methods of communication, independent travel, skills of daily living, and other areas of essential functioning consistent with their needs, interests and capacities. Upon completion of their training at the Center, clients are assisted in resettling in their communities and in entering situations which will enable them to benefit most from the training received. This assistance includes the services of placement counselors of the National Center who contact interested employers. These counselors analyze prospective jobs for the clients in terms of job demands and, if appropriate, assist them in induction and orientation to their new places of employment. Follow-up services are also provided to assure the continuing satisfaction of clients and employers.

The Helen Keller National Center operates regional offices to assist State and local agencies in case finding, preliminary evaluation, training of deaf-blind persons in their local communities, referral to the headquarters of the Helen Keller National Center (when its full program of evaluation and training is required) and follow-up services. To accomplish this, members of the staff in the Center's regional offices and specialists from its headquarters are available to provide consultation, demonstration and other services as required.

Because of its unique role, the Helen Keller National Center is also an important information provider in the area of deaf-blindness. The Center provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) provides films or other audio-visuals and 7) sends the organization's newsletter.

Age: Services are provided to out of school deaf-blind youths and adults, generally 18 years of age or older.

User Eligibility: Services are provided to those individuals who have substantial visual and hearing losses which result in extreme difficulty in learning. For eligibility purposes to receive services at the Center, deafness is defined as a chronic impairment of hearing so severe that most speech cannot be understood even with optimal amplification, and blindness is defined as central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with corrective lenses, or central visual acuity of more than 20/200 if there is a field defect such that the widest diameter of visual field covers an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees. Individuals not meeting these eligibility criteria are referred to State and local rehabilitation agencies.

Any lay or or professional person may request information from the Center. However, information about a deaf-blind individual cannot be released without written consent of the individual or individual's parent or guardian. Professional workers with the deaf-blind, especially those working with deaf-blind youths and adults, use the Center's services routinely.

Fees: Fees for direct services are generally paid by the client's sponsoring agency, though clients with means pay or share in paying for room and board. Most information is provided free of charge; fees are levied for films and other audiovisuals.

Notes: The Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults (formerly the National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults) operates under authorization contained in Section 305 of Title III of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and was originally authorized in the 1967 Amendments to the Vocational Rehabilitation Act. It is operated by the Industrial Home for the Blind (IHB) under an agreement with the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. IHB is a local New York multi-service agency offering a broad program of educational, rehabilitative and geriatric services for blind persons living within the four counties of Long Island. While the Helen Keller National Center operates under the direction of the Board of Trustees of IHB, its program is separate from that of IHB and offers services to deaf-blind youths and adults throughout the United States, its territories and possessions. Eight regional centers operate in Glendale, California; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Dallas, Texas; Seattle,

Washington; Denver, Colorado; and Sands Point, New York.
For research information, write Dr. Frederick M. Kruger Director of Research; for information related to direct services write Mr. Louis J. Bettica, Assistant Director, or Mr. Dean Wyrick, Field Services Coordinator. All are at the above address.

Hemophilia Foundation

See: NATIONAL HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION

Howard University Center for Sickle Cell Disease

See: CENTER FOR SICKLE CELL DISEASE (Howard University)

HUMAN GROWTH FOUNDATION

Maryland Academy of Science Bldg.

601 Light Street

Baltimore, MD 21230

PHONE: 612-831-2780

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Hypopituitarism, Turner's Syndrome and achondroplasia, inter-uterine growth retardation and similar growth disorders.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Human Growth Foundation (HGF) is a national voluntary organization which sponsors medical research into the growth problems of humans. Its major objective is to eliminate growth problems. The Foundation also strives to: 1) enlighten the general public as to the extent of growth problems and to inform parents, or people with growth problems of specifics regarding their problem and possible solutions (if any), 2) enlighten the medical profession as to symptoms of growth disorders and possible solutions and 3) assist the National Pituitary Agency in the collection of human pituitary glands for use in research and Human Growth Hormone treatments.

SERVICES: HGF provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 3) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts. The Foundation also answers lay inquirers' requests for information by phone and refers them to direct service providers, when necessary.

Age: The Foundation's information concerns the growth problems of humans from birth to the closing of the epiphysis (growth of the bones). User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation. The most frequent inquirers are handicapped individuals, their families and friends.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Human Growth Foundation works closely with the National Pituitary Agency (see separate listing) in their effort to obtain pituitary glands for research. The Foundation maintains a registry of pituitary gland donors for the Agency. For information, write the Foundation at the above address.

HUMAN RESOURCES CENTER
I.U. Willets Road
Albertson, NY 11507
PHONE: 516-747-2700

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All physical handicaps (except deaf-blind), and mental retardation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Human Resources Center is a private nonprofit organization with three units: 1) Abilities, Inc., a work demonstration center providing industrial and clerical employment opportunities to 175 disabled, retarded, emotionally restored, aged and blind workers, 2) Human Resources School, which offers tuition-free education with full academic curriculum from preschool through high school level to over 200 severely disabled previously homebound children and 3) Human Resources Research and Training Institute, which conducts research relating to disabled, retarded, aged, disadvantaged and emotionally restored individuals, and comprehensive work evaluation, training and job placement programs. The Center also houses the Insurance Company of North America's (INA) MEND (Medical and Educational Needs of the Disabled) Institute which provides rehabilitation information to business and industry.

The Center has general information about disabling conditions in its areas of coverage as well as information on: 1) education, including formal education of handicapped individuals and education and training of personnel dealing with them, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training and other employment considerations of handicapped individuals, such as hiring regulations, special needs and affirmative action, 3) housing, 4) transportation, 5) psycho-social services, 6) recreation/physical education, 7) activities of daily living, 8) equipment/special devices/aids, including prosthetics and special driving equipment for disabled individuals, 9) civil rights/legislation and 10) research. In addition, the Center's Research Library maintains some information on: 1) health, including prevention of disease, diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance and 2) income maintenance/security. Direct services are also provided in many of the Center's areas of coverage.

SERVICES: The Human Resources Center provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) provides films or other audiovisuals, 7) sends the organization's newsletter and 8) permits on-site use of its holdings.

Direct services are provided to handicapped individuals through special programs sponsored by the Center and through its Human Resources School and Abilities, Inc. The Center also provides professional training in vocational rehabilitation and other areas related to the employment, education and independence of handicapped individuals. The Center has initiated a special program to advise business on hiring practices, the elimination of architectural barriers, adaptation of equipment and training procedures.

Age: Information is provided by the Center regarding all age groups. However, there are age limits for certain direct services offered at the Center. Schooling is limited to handicapped individuals 1-21 years; vocational training is limited to those 16 years of age or older.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Center. Frequent inquirers include professionals in education and vocational rehabilitation, members of business and industry and students.

Eligibility for direct services provided to handicapped individuals is determined by the Center's professional staff. Generally, direct services are provided only to individuals in the New York area. However, others may come to the Center, provided their States of origin financially sponsor them.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. There is a charge for brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and for films or other audiovisuals. Individuals eligible for direct services are sponsored by insurance companies, agencies and other sources.

Notes: The Human Resources Center began in 1952 with the founding of Abilities, Inc. by Henry Viscardi, Jr., a pioneer in the field of rehabilitation and special education. The Research and Training Institute was founded in 1955 and the Human Resources School in 1962.

The Research and Training Institute coordinates and directs a variety of programs utilizing Abilities, Inc. and the Human Resources School as a laboratory for evaluative studies. The Institute publishes its own monographs and sponsors symposia and seminars to disseminate its findings.

The Human Resources School serves as a national demonstration center for special education and curriculum development. Program research in home economics for handicapped individuals, driver education, adapted physical education and a culturally based core curriculum are currently under study by the School faculty. The Center maintains a Rehabilitation Research Library in the areas of medical and vocational rehabilitation, special education, gerontology and related subjects. The collection consists of 1000 books and 100 professional subscriptions (current and microfilm holdings) and monograph and pamphlet materials.

The INA MEND Institute is concerned with four major areas of activity: 1) research, 2) vocational evaluation, 3) library services and

4) seminars. Research studies on normal and disabled workers have been conducted in several areas, including the effects of the physical employment conditions (i.e. surroundings, stress, etc.) on both normal and disabled employees.

In addition to these activities, the Institute services the entire INA MEND program of insurance. This program encourages the use of medical rehabilitation specialists by the insured before a claim is settled and allows for early financial assistance before litigation or an agreement on financial settlement. It provides for psychological counseling for the injured party and his/her family and promotes vocational rehabilitation and educational training to insure that the disabled person will be able to return to a useful position. The Institute maintains its own laboratories with a research engineering workshop, computer facility, research library and Seminar Hall, all housed at the Human Resources Center.

Information on the Human Resources Center is best obtained by writing the Director of Seminars and Tours or the Librarian; information on the INA MEND Institute may be obtained by writing the Associate Director of the Institute, also at the above address.

INA MEND Institute

See: HUMAN RESOURCES CENTER

Information and Referral Service of the National Society for Autistic Children

See: NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN

Information and Research Utilization Center: Physical Education and Recreation for the Handicapped

See: AMERICAN ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION

Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery

See: SOCIETY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE FACIALLY DISFIGURED

Insurance Company of North America MEND Institute

See: HUMAN RESOURCES CENTER

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS OF THE DEAF

814 Thayer Avenue

Silver Spring, MD 20910

PHONE: 301-585-5400

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments, deaf-blind and language disorders resulting from deafness.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The International Association of Parents of the Deaf (IAPD) is an organization founded to respond to the needs of parents with deaf children. It acts as a clearinghouse for the

exchange of information, seeks to provide guidance to professionals in developing better and more comprehensive programs and strives to increase the public's awareness of deafness as a problem of national importance. The Association provides information in the following areas relative to deafness: 1) education, including formal education of hearing impaired persons and education of personnel dealing with them, 2) employment, including job placement and vocational rehabilitation and training of deaf individuals, 3) psycho-social services 4) recreation/physical education, 5) activities of daily living, 6) civil rights/legislation, 7) religion and 8) research. IAPD does not conduct or sponsor research, but maintains information on research relating to deafness.

SERVICES: IAPD provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) sends the Association's newsletter. The Association will also make inquiries of other organizations on behalf of lay inquirers and refer them to direct service providers, such as schools and facilities for deaf children, when necessary.

The Association distributes a wide variety of publications; examples are: 1) books in signed English for young children, 2) standard editions of popular children's books with the addition of signs, 3) coloring books in sign, 4) books for children about deafness, 5) books for parents, 6) signed religious books and 7) sign language manuals. Toys and learning games are also offered for sale.

User Eligibility: Although IAPD is a membership organization, any lay or professional person may request information. Parents of deaf children are the most frequent inquirers.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Members must pay a fee which includes a newsletter subscription. A publications price list is available on request.

Notes: The International Association of Parents of the Deaf was established in 1972. It receives some financial support from the National Association of the Deaf.

IAPD currently has 32 affiliates representing 20 States with one in Canada and one in Iran.

An important activity of IAPD is the "Key Network," a chain of people who contact and motivate others when action must be taken on an important issue, such as legislation. The Network now exists in 41 States. Anyone who can use a telephone or TTY and would write a letter of support or protest when needed is invited to join.

The IAPD home office staff supervises and trains adolescent deaf youths from the Model Secondary School for the Deaf in Washington, D.C. as part of the student work-study program. Students who successfully complete office skills training at IAPD go on to work in a less sheltered environment.

IAPD sponsors an annual convention and presents exhibits at meetings and conferences. It assists other organizations in locating parents for seminars and workshops and provides input to professional groups on the needs and interests of affiliates. The Association also cooperates with the efforts of other organizations such as Quota International, Inc. and the World Federation of the Deaf. For information, contact the Association at the above address.

International Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
See: ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION FACILITIES

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE SILENT SPORTS
Gallaudet College
Florida Avenue & Seventh Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002
PHONE: 202-447-0360

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purposes of the International Committee of the Silent Sports are to: 1) provide an avenue of international fellowship for deaf persons through athletics, 2) promote physical education for deaf individuals and 3) improve the social and cultural understanding of deaf people throughout the world through the medium of athletic competition. Summer and Winter Games are held every four years and are patterned after the Olympic Games; all athletes are amateurs.

SERVICES: The organization answers lay or professional inquiries by phone or letter and sends the organization's newsletter on request.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Committee.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The International Committee of the Silent Sports is recognized by the International Olympic Committee. Forty-two nations are members of the Committee. For information, contact the Committee at the above address.

INTERNATIONAL GUIDING EYES
5528 Cahuenga Blvd.
P.O. Box 18
North Hollywood, CA 91603
PHONE: 213-877-3937

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: International Guiding Eyes, Inc. (IGE) is dedicated to providing guide dogs to blind recipients at no cost. The main purpose of the organization is to help blind persons become more independent and, if possible, self-supporting. This objective is based on the belief that only a guide dog can provide the proper mobility, safety and companionship that a blind person seeks and needs. IGE distributes information on its services.

SERVICES: International Guiding Eyes donates scientifically trained guide dogs, completely equipped with harness and leash, to blind recipients. Recipients are required to attend a four-week training course at IGE's San Fernando Valley facility, where they learn how to care for and function with their guide dogs. Each dog is carefully matched to suit the needs of the master.

IGE also has a guide dog training and breeding program. Purebred female German shepherd puppies, selectively bred at the training center, are placed in foster homes until they are old enough to start training, about one year old. The dogs are then physically examined and screened for their temperament. All suitable dogs are trained a minimum of three months by trainer and staff, who work at developing qualities of observation, patience, watchfulness and, to a certain degree, the exercise of judgment in the dogs. Brochures describing the organization's history and services are provided on request.

Age: Applicants must be at least 16 years of age.

User Eligibility: Applicants must be legally blind and in good physical condition and must desire the dog for independence. They must be able to care for the dog and must have permission from their landlords if they live in rental facilities.

Fees: There is no charge for the dog, the four-week training program or for room and board during the training program. The organization does not assume the costs of transportation to the training facility; however, assistance with transportation costs will be offered through contact with other organizations, if necessary. No applicant is refused a dog due to lack of funds.

Notes: International Guiding Eyes, Inc. was incorporated in 1948 through the efforts of Joseph W. Jones, a vision impaired machinist, and the International Association of Machinists. Almost all dogs used in the program are donated. IGE retains control over the treatment of the dog in the form of an indenture. If a dog is not treated properly, it must be returned.

For information on IGE, call or write the organization at the above address, phone, 213-763-4798 or 213-877-3937.

INTERNATIONAL HANDICAPPED NET
P.O. Box B
San Gabriel, CA 91778
PHONE: 213-282-0014

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general (including deaf, blind and mute).

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: International Handicapped Net is an organization composed of handicapped amateur radio operators. The international membership of 2600 communicates via radio at the appointed frequency (14287 kHz upper sideband) at 1600 Greenwich Time (1500 during daylight savings time), Monday-Friday. While members of the Net use the radio for their own enjoyment and for communicating with other members, they also handle messages as a public service and are trained to handle emergency communication in the event of disasters or other emergencies.

SERVICES: The chief information service of the organization is promotion of its own endeavor. Information about the organization is provided to any inquirer on request and appreciative letters are sent to those individuals who assist handicapped amateurs by servicing their equipment. Members are frequently enlisted over the airways, i.e. an individual tunes in the frequency when the Net is in operation, becomes interested and joins. New members are referred to one of the 2600 members in the individual's area for information about the operation.

User Eligibility: Information about the organization is given to any interested inquirer. Any qualified ham radio operator may become a member of the Net.

Fees: Information is provided without charge; there is no fee for membership.

Notes: Ray E. Meyers is the sponsor of the organization. For information, contact him at the above address.

International Parent's Organization

See: ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF

JEWISH BRAILLE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
110 E. 30th Street
New York, NY 10016
PHONE: 212-889-2525

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Jewish Braille Institute of America, Inc. (JBIA) provides materials, publications and services for blind and visually impaired individuals throughout the world. Materials are specifically of two kinds: 1) Jewish religious and non-sectarian

materials covering every subject for Jewish blind or partially sighted persons and 2) general non-sectarian materials of interest to any blind or partially sighted person; materials are on tape, cassettes or in large print or braille. The Institute is particularly interested in promoting Hebrew education and religious instruction.

SERVICES: The Institute provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) provides films or other audiovisuals and 7) sends the Institute's newsletter. The primary function of the service is to disseminate intellectual, cultural, religious and educational materials. Braille, talking books and large print materials in English, Yiddish and Hebrew are circulated on loan.

The Institute publishes the JEWISH BRAILLE REVIEW, a monthly publication whose material is made up of: 1) reprints from intellectual periodicals and books and 2) original material dealing with blind individuals in the fields of employment, public education and other areas related to the integration of blind persons into sighted society. Also available are the HEBREW BRAILLE BIBLE, official prayerbooks in braille, the HAGGADAH in Hebrew and English braille, large type and on records, and elementary and secondary level religious and nonreligious textbooks. In addition, JBIA provides a Hebrew Conversation course for blind and partially-sighted persons recorded by the Institute's Sadie and Arthur Lampport Sound Studio, with accompanying Hebrew-English braille and large type manuals.

JBIA will supply every request for braille books received from any blind person anywhere in the world whether it is a Jewish subject or not.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional inquirer may request information on the Institute's services.

Services and materials are provided to any blind or visually impaired person requesting them.

Fees: Information and services are provided free of charge.

Notes: The Jewish Braille Institute of America was founded in 1931 by Leopold Dubov.

The Jewish Braille Library is a collection of over 50,000 volumes in English braille of books of fiction, religion, history, scholarship and current events. Also circulated are more than 1,000 full-length talking books and tapes and large type books in Hebrew and English. The Institute sponsors an international literary braille competition for works in fiction, nonfiction and poetry by blind writers. Exhibits, seminars, conferences and special programs are offered and a speakers bureau is maintained.

For information or services, contact the Institute at the above address.

JEWISH GUILD FOR THE BLIND
15 W. 65th Street
New York, NY 10023
PHONE: 212-595-2000

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The activities of the Jewish Guild for the Blind center on helping the blind or visually handicapped person participate in the community on a self-supporting basis. Direct services are extended to several thousand persons per year. Direct service programs are operated in the following areas: 1) activities of daily living, 2) transportation (especially orientation and mobility), 3) vocational rehabilitation and training, 4) psycho-social services, 5) housing (operates a home for the aged blind) and 6) recreation/physical education.

In addition, the Guild provides information services nationally in the following areas: 1) general information about blindness/visual impairments, 2) education, including formal education of handicapped individuals and education of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 3) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training and employment of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 4) transportation, 5) health, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation, 6) psycho-social services, 7) recreation/physical education, 8) activities of daily living and 9) equipment/special devices/aids.

SERVICES: The Guild provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) provides films or other audiovisuals, 6) prepares bibliographies, abstracts or indexes in response to certain individual requests and 7) permits on-site use of its braille collection.

In addition, the Guild makes the books of its 25,000 volume braille library available for circulation nationally and internationally, without charge. Guild volunteers, specially trained as braille transcribers, prepare braille versions of textbooks, technical literature and professional journals for blind high school and college students and blind persons in professions. For general reading purposes, these volunteers transcribe novels and other reading matter, at no cost to the client.

User Eligibility: Any individual, organization or clearinghouse is provided with information; direct services are provided to all blind and visually handicapped individuals regardless of race, religion, economic status or place of residence. Fees: Information is provided free of charge. Fees for direct services are based on ability to pay. If an individual requesting direct services is from out-of-State, the State of residence must pay the Guild through that State's MEDICAID program.

Notes: The Guild, founded in 1914, provides training each year in social work and vocational rehabilitation for over 20 students from various graduate schools. Its facilities include a home for aged blind persons and a sheltered workshop. The Home accepts ambulatory persons only, but applicants may have such additional handicaps as diabetes, heart disease or arthritis. The Guild also operates a psychiatric clinic for visually handicapped persons, serving emotionally disturbed and mentally retarded blind persons of all ages. Courses in Vending Services Management Training, high school equivalency, and communication skills are offered to visually handicapped individuals.

The Guild has completed and published (in a brochure) the results of a study investigating why 75 percent of patients with irreversible visual impairments wait up to 20 years before taking advantage of skilled assistance in meeting the problems of sight limitation. The Guild was accredited in 1972 by the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped. For detailed information on direct services, contact "Central Intake;" for other aspects of the Guild, contact the Public Relations Department.

JOHN MILTON SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND
366 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10001
PHONE: 212-736-4162

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The John Milton Society for the Blind publishes Christian literature in braille, on records (talking books) and in large type on behalf of most Protestant denominations. The Society also gives a small amount of money to church-related schools and homes for blind children throughout the world.

SERVICES: The Society provides the following information services to interested inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

Age: The literature is intended for youths and adults.

User Eligibility: Any individual may request information from the Society. The Christian literature is sent free, on request, to any individual who cannot see to read ordinary printed matter.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: For information, write the Society at the above address.

JOHN TRACY CLINIC
806 W. Adams Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90007
PHONE: 213-748-5481

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments and deaf-blind.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The John Tracy Clinic (JTC) is an educational center for preschool deaf children and their parents. Its goal is to find, encourage, guide and train the parents of young deaf children, first to reach and help the child, and second to help the parents themselves. JTC provides information in the following subject areas: 1) formal education of deaf children and the education and training of personnel working with them, 2) health, including diagnostic evaluation and treatment of deaf children, 3) psycho-social services, 4) activities of daily living, 5) equipment/special devices/aids for deaf persons and 6) research conducted at the Clinic on auditory testing, education and linguistics. The Clinic's services are particularly strong in the area of parent education.

SERVICES: The Clinic provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets, 4) provides films or other audiovisuals, particularly through its PARENT EDUCATION FILM SERIES, 5) sends the Clinic's newsletter and 6) permits on-site use of its library holdings. In addition, the Clinic offers a wide range of direct services including parent consultation, classes, teacher training and correspondence courses.

The two correspondence courses for parents of deaf and deaf-blind children are a unique service. The JOHN TRACY CLINIC CORRESPONDENCE COURSE is designed for parents of preschool deaf children and covers a year's work in parent attitudes and beginning communication; the CORRESPONDENCE LEARNING PROGRAM FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL DEAF-BLIND CHILDREN provides the parent with information on communication, motor development and self-care skills. The Clinic also offers a home study plan for infant language development, GETTING YOUR BABY READY TO TALK, to assist parents in providing a language-stimulating home environment during the ages of six through 18 months in the baby's life.

Other direct services include: 1) consultation by appointment, 2) parent classes, 3) a nursery school, 4) weekly clinic, 5) psychological counseling and 6) a six-week summer session for parents.

Age: Information provided concerns preschool age deaf children, six years of age or younger. The Clinic is also devoted to serving this age group and their parents.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Clinic. The Clinic is particularly oriented to providing information to students and parents of deaf children.

Fees: Information services, including the Correspondence Course program are provided free. Fees are charged for some publications. The Parent Education Film Series is sent without charge to independent parent groups and at cost to schools and other organizations.

Notes: The John Tracy Clinic was founded in 1942 by Mrs. Spencer Tracy, herself a parent of a deaf child. In addition to providing information and direct services, the Clinic cooperates with the University of Southern California in the academic training of teachers of deaf persons and conducts research related to the education of deaf and deaf-blind children and their parents. It is currently engaged in linguistic research on preverbal communication. The Clinic also maintains a library of several thousand books and journals related to deafness, deaf-blindness and psychological counseling.

For information, write or call the Clinic at the above address.

JOSEPH BULOVA SCHOOL OF WATCHMAKING

40-24 62nd Street

Woodside, NY 11377

PHONE: 212-424-2929

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments, communicative impairments in general, musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions in general, epilepsy, paralysis, poliomyelitis, spinal cord injuries, stroke, hemophilia, sickle cell anemia, cardiovascular disorders in general, respiratory conditions in general, gastrointestinal conditions in general, metabolic/nutritional disorders in general. Services are also occasionally extended to persons with alcoholism, drug addiction, psychoneuroses and psychoses.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Joseph Bulova School of Watchmaking (JBSW) offers watchmaking, watch repair and precision technician training on an individualized basis primarily to disabled persons. Three courses of study are offered of varying average lengths, including: 1) watchmaking, 18 months, 2) watch repair, 12 months and 3) precision technician, 9 months. Because the course is individualized, students may start at any time and it is not uncommon for the courses to be completed in less than the average time.

JBSW services are primarily in the area of vocational training and rehabilitation; supportive services of job counseling and placement are also offered. Residents at the School benefit from health services, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment and maintenance, psychological counseling and recreation/physical education; however, these services are not the primary function of the School.

SERVICES: To disseminate information on its program, the School provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 3) provides films or other audiovisuals and 4) distributes its newsletter. The 16 mm. color film, entitled TO LIVE ON, depicts the School's story through the voices of students and graduates; it is available on a loan basis.

In addition to training courses, the School offers a three or six week diagnostic vocational evaluation program which gives practical experience in the area of precision mechanics. A full test battery is administered and the instructor evaluates the quality of work and work pace, motivation, relationships to others in the work area and particular problems or strengths. The program can be used in two ways: 1) for persons who wish to enter the School but whose test battery results are too low for acceptance and 2) to provide an evaluation in precision mechanics for a client who does not intend to enter the School.

Students are also assisted by a Vocational Counselor who determines whether remedial services are needed in reading, mathematics and communication. Any student who requires more specialized help is referred to the appropriate agency or person. In addition, the Vocational Counselor assists students in finding jobs by evaluating job opportunities and advising students on expectations, job interviews and related factors.

Age: Students at the School generally are between the ages of 17 and 65; however, applications are reviewed individually and the age requirement is flexible.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the School.

Although the School is primarily for disabled persons, non-disabled students are accepted. Candidates for admission must submit appropriate psychological and medical data (including the results of a near-eye examination) and scores on the battery of tests utilized by the School.

Fees: Most information is provided free, with the exception of film loan. Students must pay tuition. Scholarship funds are available for students unable to meet tuition expenses.

Notes: The Joseph Bulova School of Watchmaking was founded in 1945 by Arde Bulova, in honor of his father, to serve returning disabled veterans. In 1950, the School began to accept disabled civilians, many of whom were referred by State Divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation. Although the School now accepts non-disabled persons, 80 percent of the graduates are disabled.

The School is supported financially by the Bulova Fund, Inc. The four building complex is located in a residential section of Queens, convenient to stores, transit routes and expressways. All buildings are accessible to disabled persons and connected so students need not travel outdoors. A dormitory is available for students who wish to live at the School. The gymnasium has facilities for basketball, archery, table tennis and weight lifting; a separate building contains the pool.

The School library has an important collection of materials on the science of Horology and the practice of watchmaking. Many rare volumes are available for student use.

Seminars and tours of the School are offered to interested professionals.

For information, contact the School at the above address.

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR. FOUNDATION
1701 K Street, N.W.
Suite 205
Washington, DC 20006
PHONE: 202-331-1731

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental retardation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation has two firm objectives: 1) to seek the prevention of mental retardation by identifying its causes and 2) to improve the means by which society deals with its retarded citizens. To accomplish these goals, the guiding strategy of the Foundation has been to use its funds and its influence in those areas in which a "multiplier effect" could be readily achieved; that is to: 1) develop models to capitalize on innovation, 2) provide seed money to capitalize on flexibility and 3) capitalize on the Foundation's ability to capture the attention of the American public in order to promote public awareness.

The Foundation engages in both direct and information services.

SERVICES: The Foundation answers inquiries from lay and professional inquirers by letter and refers them to other information centers when necessary. To raise the public's awareness of medical ethical problems and improve the quality of the dialogue on these issues, the Foundation has produced a series of films on such crucial subjects as "The Right to Survive," "The Right to Let Die" and "The Right to Reproduce."

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation. Services are not geared to satisfying the needs of researchers. Fees: Films are available through purchase or rental. Other information services are free.

Notes: The Foundation was established in 1946 to support facilities for the study of mental retardation and its clinical treatment. For this purpose Kennedy Centers were established in Brighton, Massachusetts and in Santa Monica, California. Research and clinical centers have been supported at Johns Hopkins University, Harvard University, Stanford University, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Chicago, George Peabody College, Yeshiva University, the University of Colorado and the University of Miami.

The Foundation created and sponsors the Special Olympics Program, the world's largest year-round sports program for retarded persons. It involves more than 500,000 retarded youths and 150,000 volunteers. The Foundation also administers a program of physical activity and family play called "Families Play to Grow." The Foundation awards fellowships in medical ethics to qualified professionals in medicine and nursing for advanced studies in ethics as preparation for careers in research and teaching in the ethical problems of medical practice. It funds the Joseph and Rose Kennedy Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction and Bioethics at Georgetown University and the Kennedy Interfaculty Program in Medical Ethics at Harvard. The Foundation sponsors an International Awards Program for men and women who have performed outstanding services to mentally retarded individuals in scientific research, service and leadership. For information, write the Foundation at the above address.

JUNIOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF
Gallaudet College
Washington, DC 20002
PHONE: 202-447-0741

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments and language disorders resulting from deafness.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Junior National Association of the Deaf (Jr. NAD) is the youth section of the National Association of the Deaf though it operates independently of the NAD. The organization's purposes are to: 1) provide active student members with opportunities to reach their highest individual potentials, 2) provide students with opportunities for contribution to community growth and development, 3) provide students with the knowledge and understanding necessary to safeguard and promote the independent living and self-determination of all deaf individuals and 4) assist the secondary school chapters and collegiate NAD chapters of the Jr. NAD in every way possible.

Jr. NAD disseminates information in the following areas: 1) education, including formal education of deaf youth and education of personnel working with them, 2) employment, including placement, vocational rehabilitation and training, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the deaf employee and employment of personnel working with deaf persons, 3) psycho-social services and 4) recreation/physical education. Emphasis is on providing information on leadership training and integrated programs with emphasis on self-directed pursuits.

SERVICES: The Jr. NAD provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, abstracts or indexes, 5) distributes the Association's newsletter, 6) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 7) permits on-site use of its holdings.

Age: All secondary and college students (ages 14-21) are eligible for membership.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information. Hearing as well as deaf students may join and hold office if proficient in manual communication.

Fees: Fees are charged for previously prepared bibliographies, abstracts and indexes. All other information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Junior National Association of the Deaf was founded in 1962 as a national student organization.

The Association annually sponsors a Youth Leadership Camp at Swan Lake, Minnesota. Outstanding deaf students participate in one of two four-week sessions for the purpose of developing leadership qualities, self-motivation, direction and initiative. The program is

carefully designed to make the leaders more aware of their citizenship, scholarship and fellowship responsibilities as self-starters in their respective schools.

The Association convenes biennial national conventions and regional youth conferences.

For information contact the Jr. NAD at the above address or phone number. A TTY line is available: call 202-447-0480.

JUST ONE BREAK, INC.
373 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10016
PHONE: 212-725-2500

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All physical handicaps.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Just One Break, Inc. (J.O.B.) is a nonprofit placement agency exclusively dedicated to job placement of handicapped individuals capable of work full time. Although its placement activity is limited to the Greater New York area, J.O.B. is quite active in distributing information about its operation nationwide to rehabilitation centers, medical facilities, educational institutions, veterans' hospitals, training centers and charitable groups, and consults with those out-of-town organizations interested in establishing similar programs. J.O.B. also conducts research in the area of placement of handicapped individuals and operates research and demonstration projects related to problems of employment of disabled persons. SERVICES: J.O.B. provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

Locally, J.O.B. provides the following direct services: 1) interviews and counsels disabled job applicants, 2) places employable applicants, 3) visits potential employers, including surveys of plants and facilities and 4) conducts conferences with employers and other interested parties. J.O.B. also educates the public in problems of placement of disabled job applicants, writes articles on problems of disabled employees, gives speeches to interested groups and conducts training seminars for counselors, teachers, nursing students and doctoral candidates. Information on all of J.O.B.'s operations is recorded in the JUST ONE BREAK, INC. OPERATIONS MANUAL and made available to those interested in starting similar operations elsewhere.

Age: Information and services are applicable to those handicapped individuals of minimum legal employment age.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from J.O.B. Frequent inquirers are employers.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Fees for other services vary; placement of a handicapped individual in the New York area is always free of charge.

Notes: Just One Break, Inc. was founded in 1949 by Eleanor Roosevelt, Orin Lehman and Bernard Baruch and was incorporated in New York in 1952. Originally, the organization's goal was to assist disabled veterans returning from World War II in their efforts to rejoin the work force. Later, J.O.B. expanded its services to aid all handicapped adults in achieving full-time permanent employment in business and industry. No fees for this service are ever charged. Recent figures indicate that nearly 50 percent of applicants interviewed by J.O.B. are placed in jobs.

In addition to placing applicants in the New York area and consulting with organizations interested in establishing a similar service in their area, J.O.B. undertakes related research and demonstration projects. Studies have been conducted on: 1) placement of emotionally disturbed persons, 2) placement of disabled persons living in poverty areas and 3) placement success over a period of years. New studies will soon be conducted on the placement of the cancer cured patient and a special feasibility study on the placement of blind and partially sighted individuals.

For information, call or write J.O.B. at the above address.

JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION
23 E. 26th Street
New York, NY 10010
PHONE: 212-689-7868

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Diabetes mellitus.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's primary objective is to support and fund research on the treatment and cure of diabetes. Funding is awarded in the form of: 1) grants for direct research and 2) postdoctoral fellowships, both in fundamental diabetes research and related areas. In addition, the Foundation provides general information on diabetes and counseling services for the diabetic and his/her family. Educational services and materials are provided for the general public to help broaden the knowledge and understanding of diabetes as a major national health problem.

SERVICES: The Foundation provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) sends the organization's newsletter and 6) permits on-site use of its holdings. For the lay inquirer, the Foundation will also make inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and provide films or other audiovisuals. Individual bibliographies, abstracts or indexes are prepared in response to certain professional requests.

The Foundation sponsors an "outreach program" which offers a variety of services designed to help ease the initial impact of the disease on the diabetic and his/her family, as well as to provide ongoing support. Members are available for counseling either on an individual or group basis (this service is often provided through local chapters; when no local chapter exists, the national office provides this service.).

Members also accept speaking engagements before educational, service and community organizations.

Age: Juvenile diabetes refers to "insulin dependent" diabetes (must take insulin daily) as opposed to "maturity onset" diabetes (controlled by pills or diet). It afflicts individuals in a wide range of age groups, but most commonly occurs from infancy to the late thirties.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation. The organization particularly serves the needs of the diabetic child or young adult and his/her family, and supports professional research. The Foundation is a membership organization; however, an individual need not be a member to receive information or assistance.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. There is a small charge for postage and handling of films and audiovisuals.

Notes: The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDF) was founded in Philadelphia in 1970 by a group of parents with diabetic children. Since then, the organization has grown into a nationally accredited, voluntary health agency with a network of 73 chapters nationwide and in Canada. The national headquarters is now in New York City. Research grants are awarded by the Board of Directors based on the recommendations of its Medical Advisory Board, a group of physicians, researchers and scientists, using the National Institutes of Health's standards of peer review. Deadline for applications is March 1st. Inquiries on any aspect of diabetes research will be answered by JDF, or referred to an appropriate source. The Foundation's holdings, though limited, include books, journals and research progress reports. Referrals are made to other, more comprehensive sources, when necessary.

Each June, the Foundation holds a national conference with several days of workshops and educational sessions. Each May, the Foundation sponsors National Diabetes Month, an intensified media campaign and fund raising drive which underlines the need for diabetes research. In 1974, JDF was instrumental in achieving the passage of the National Diabetes Mellitus Research and Education Act.

For information, call or write the Foundation at the above address or contact a local chapter.

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND
1039 S. Rochester Road
Rochester, MI 48063
PHONE: 313-651-9011

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Leader Dogs for the Blind was organized to train dogs to lead blind persons and to provide facilities and means whereby

blind persons may obtain these guide dogs. All services are offered free of charge to eligible blind individuals.

SERVICES: Students are trained to work with their leader dogs during a four-week training session at the organization's facilities in Rochester, Michigan. After a period of getting acquainted with their leader dogs, students learn maneuvering techniques and progressively adjust to more hazardous traffic conditions through training on busy streets, in heavy traffic and in the crowds of Birmingham and Royal Oak, Michigan. In addition, the organization maintains its own training course to augment the student's experiences in town by offering a controlled area in which the instructor can submit a student and leader dog to further active testing. After graduation, Leader Dogs maintains contact with the students to assure the continued success of the team. Leader Dogs also trains suitable dogs to be guide dogs. German shepherds, Labrador and golden retrievers, which are received through contributions, are commonly trained as leader dogs. During the course of a four-month training period, leader dogs are taught to lead the master safely through all sorts of problem areas. The trainer ascertains the special needs of the blind person and selects the dog that will apply its special talents to permit freedom of travel.

Age: The minimum age for receiving a leader dog is 16 years; no maximum has been established.

User Eligibility: To receive a leader dog, an individual must be in good health, emotionally stable, of good character and physically able to walk several miles each day at a brisk pace. Applicants for leader dogs are not accepted if they have a known history of mendicancy. Dogs are never provided for begging purposes.

Fees: There is no charge for the leader dog or for the four-week training session at the organization's facility. Costs of transportation to and from the facility must be assumed by the individual.

Notes: Lions Club members interested in helping blind men and women solve their travel problems established and developed the Leader Dog School in 1939.

For information, contact the organization at the above address.

LEUKEMIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA
211 E. 43rd Street
New York, NY 10017
PHONE: 212-573-8484

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Leukemia and allied diseases, such as the lymphomas and Hodgkin's disease.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Leukemia Society of America, Inc. is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to seeking the control and

eventual eradication of leukemia and allied illnesses--the lymphomas and Hodgkin's disease. The Society supports three major programs: 1) research, 2) patient-aid and 3) public and professional education.

SERVICES: The Society provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) provides films or other audiovisuals, 7) prepares bibliographies in response to certain individual requests and 8) permits on-site use of its holdings.

The Society's patient-aid program is conducted through its local chapters. This program is planned, directed and executed by doctors and laypersons and is designed to assist leukemia patients who are unable to meet the high costs of treatment. This outpatient program provides payment for: 1) drugs, 2) transfusing of blood, processing, typing and cross matching, 3) transportation to and from a doctor's office, hospital or treatment center, 4) X-ray therapy for up to \$300 for Hodgkin's disease patients and 5) cranial radiation for up to \$300 for children with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

The Society also sponsors seminars and symposia as part of its professional education program.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Society.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Leukemia Society of America began in 1949 as the de Villiers Foundation, a small family foundation established in the memory of Robert Roesler de Villiers, a young man who died of leukemia. Renamed the Leukemia Society in 1954, it became known by its present name in 1967. The Society currently consists of 51 chapters in 24 States and the District of Columbia.

The Society's research program funds individual researchers rather than an overall project or institution in the belief that it is the individual who will make significant contributions to the attack on leukemia. Recipients of grants are selected by a Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee composed of leaders in the field of leukemia who screen and evaluate all applications. Awards are made in three categories: 1) scholarships, 2) special fellowships and 3) fellowships. The Society also maintains a bibliography of research conducted by other organizations and has a library of books and journals on leukemia and related diseases.

For information, call or write the Society at the above address.

LINGUISTICS RESEARCH LABORATORY Gallaudet College
Florida Avenue & Seventh Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002
PHONE: 202-447-0707

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments and language disorders.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Linguistics Research Laboratory (LRL) at Gallaudet College is primarily concerned with the language of deaf persons, specifically their competence in sign language and in English, as it relates to social groups of hearing and deaf. From this central concern, the activities of LRL lead, in one direction, to exploring basic language theory, in the other to application of language science to materials, curricula and strategies for learning. LRL also conducts research in ethnolinguistics and the ethnography of the deaf community.

SERVICES: For the lay and professional inquirer, LRL will answer inquiries by letter and send the organization's newsletter. For professionals the Laboratory will also answer inquiries by phone and permit them on-site use of its holdings, which include a collection of published and unpublished papers, books, journals and its videotaped and filmed research data. Plans call for indexing, abstracting and entering much of this material in the Edward Miner Gallaudet Memorial Library computer-based information system.

Activities of LRL, both theoretical and applied, are reported in two periodical publications: 1) SIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES, a quarterly journal, containing articles, reviews and reports relating sign language research to disciplines ranging from anthropology to zoology and 2) SIGNS FOR OUR TIMES, a monthly, designed for individuals interested in sign and language.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from LRL. However, its information services are particularly geared to satisfying the needs of researchers and graduate students in this area. Other frequent inquirers include educators of the deaf and school personnel.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Fees are levied for photocopies.

Notes: Support for the LRL comes from Gallaudet College and from agencies which directly foster research. The Laboratory has also received support from the National Science Foundation for a study of semantics and syntax in American Sign Language and from the National Institutes of Health for a study with the Center for Applied Linguistics contrasting Sign and English.

The first Sign Language Conference was sponsored at Gallaudet College in 1974.

For information, call or write LRL at the above address.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL
York and Cermak Roads
Oak Brook, IL 60521
PHONE: 312-986-1700

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sensory impairments in general, communicative impairments in general, alcoholism and drug addiction.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Lions International (LI) is an association of business and professional men organized in local clubs in 148 countries. This fraternal humanitarian service organization is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all people. Goals are to provide community service and to promote better international relations. Local clubs provide direct services. The international headquarters, although primarily administrative, provides information in the following areas: 1) general information on disabling conditions, 2) vocational rehabilitation and training of handicapped persons, 3) health, including disease prevention, diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 4) recreation/ physical education, 5) equipment/special devices/aids and 6) research. Information is particularly strong in the area of visual impairments and treatment.

SERVICES: Lions International's information services are aimed at disseminating information to the lay public primarily in the areas of sight and hearing. For the lay inquirer, LI provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets and 4) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf. Persons seeking direct services are referred to local Lions Clubs. The Research and Health Activities Department maintains an information service called the Activities Information Bank, an indexed system of information storage and retrieval used to respond to most inquiries. Files are divided between Lion's projects and activities worldwide and general public information and referral sources.

User Eligibility: Anyone may request information from Lions International; however, information is tailored to a lay audience. Handicapped individuals, their families, friends and the general public are the most frequent inquirers.

Fees: All information is provided without charge.

Notes: Lions International was founded in 1917 and is now composed of 30,000 chapters throughout the world. Local direct service activities include citizenship services, educational, environmental and health services, hearing conservation and work with deaf persons, recreational services, sight conservation and work with blind persons.

Work with visually handicapped individuals is a major service interest; activities include provision of canes, guide dogs and eye health services, braille classes, production of large print materials and repair of aids and devices.

Lions Clubs sponsor workshops and social and recreational programs. Seminars are conducted annually in conjunction with the International Convention.

For information, contact the Research and Health Activities Department at the above address.

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA

P.O. Box 126

Owatonna, MN 55060

PHONE: 507-451-1320

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Dwarfism.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Little People of America, Inc. (LPA) is a nationwide, voluntary organization for dwarfs established to provide fellowship, an interchange of ideas, solutions to the problems unique to the little person and moral support. Members exchange information on the condition of dwarfism and in the areas of: 1) activities of daily living, 2) equipment/special devices/aids, including driving aids, 3) research into the causes and treatment of dwarfism and 4) psycho-social services. Information is particularly strong in the area of social adjustment.

SERVICES: LPA's information services are directed to meeting the needs of the lay person. LPA will: 1) answer inquiries by letter, 2) send brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets, 3) distribute the organization's newsletter and 4) prepare bibliographies, abstracts or indexes in response to certain individual requests. The MEMBER'S HANDBOOK contains ideas and suggestions for more convenient living on a wide variety of topics, from adapting clothing to finding employment.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from LPA; however, Little People of America is particularly geared to satisfying the information needs of its members and other lay persons interested in dwarfism.

Fees: Most information is distributed free; fees are charged for membership and the newsletter.

Notes: Little People of America, Inc. was established in 1957 by Billy Barty, a TV and movie personality. A constitution was adopted at the 1960 national convention dividing the U.S. into districts. Today, 12 district directors coordinate local activities, regional and local meetings and informal local gatherings.

LPA's membership includes adults, teenagers and children. Teenagers have their own national chairperson and newsletter. LPA has also formed a Parents' Auxiliary on the local, district and national levels.

In 1968, Little People of America, Inc. Foundation was established for the purpose of raising and disbursing funds in the following areas: 1) vocational training of little people, 2) medical and

scientific research into the causes and possible treatment of dwarfism and 3) assisting agencies in the placement of little people for adoption.

Information may be obtained from the national headquarters at the above address.

LOUIS BRAILLE FOUNDATION FOR BLIND MUSICIANS
112 E. 19th Street
New York, NY 10003
PHONE: 212-982-7290

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Louis Braille Foundation for Blind Musicians, Inc. (LBF) provides appropriate help to enable talented blind musicians achieve their goals. The services offered by the Foundation are in the areas of: 1) vocational training, 2) job placement, 3) job counseling and 4) provision of equipment/special devices/aids, including musical instruments.

SERVICES: To date, the efforts of the Foundation have focused on the Classical, Jazz, Country Western and Folk idioms. Services support performing and student musicians. The Foundation: 1) provides hand produced braille transcriptions of music to amateur and professional musicians, 2) auditions and counsels artists, 3) arranges for appropriate training, 4) provides scholarships to supplement other resources, 5) provides musical instruments and special equipment, 6) offers professional guidance on stage deportment and grooming, 7) provides financial assistance when necessary for union dues and other professional obligations, 8) provides a music transcription service and copyrights original musical works for blind composers and 9) produces demonstration recordings to help secure work and performances for worthy artists and composers.

The LBF Artists Bureau, a subsidiary of the Foundation, obtains paid engagements for qualified musicians, sponsors concerts to present talented blind artists and provides publicity and public relations services to professionals. "Showcase" concerts in day-care centers, old-age homes etc. are fully underwritten by the Foundation.

User Eligibility: The services of the Foundation are available to any blind person. A certificate of blindness or visual impairment must be furnished by the applicant.

Fees: Services are currently provided without charge; however, fees may be levied in the future.

Notes: The Foundation was founded in 1951. In providing services, it cooperates with schools for the blind and agencies for the adult blind.

For information, contact the organization at the above address.

LUTHERAN BRAILLE EVANGELISM ASSOCIATION
660 E. Montana Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55106
PHONE: 612-772-1681

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Lutheran Braille Evangelism Association (LBEA) is a national organization that publishes and distributes Christian literature for blind and visually impaired persons. Materials are available in braille, talking book records, large print and cassette tape. Subject matter is limited to religious materials of a devotional and Christian nature.

SERVICES: The LBEA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

Materials available on request include three periodical publications: 1) The TRACT MESSENGER, a monthly braille devotional magazine, 2) CHRISTIAN MAGNIFIER, a monthly large print devotional magazine and 3) BRAILLE EVANGELISM BULLETIN, a quarterly news publication for the membership. Church school lesson materials in braille are available for children, youths and adults. A recent publication is the LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK AND HYMNAL in braille.

Bible materials, including the complete Bible, New Testament and Psalms, are available in braille, tape cassettes and large print. The Association also provides tape cassette recorder-players for free loan to blind persons and for purchase.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from LBEA. The most frequent inquirers are blind and visually impaired persons.

Fees: Information is provided free of charge. Services and materials are provided free or at cost. No blind person is denied materials because of inability to pay.

Notes: The Lutheran Braille Evangelism Association was established in 1952.

Membership is open to all interested persons.

For information, contact the Association at the above address.

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS, INC.
11735 Peach Tree Circle
Yucaipa, CA 92399
PHONE: 714-797-5589

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) is an organization of volunteers who produce large print and braille religious (primarily Biblical) materials for free distribution to all who need them.

SERVICES: LBW produces materials in three grades of English braille and 29 foreign language brailles, including Arabic, Bengali, Cantonese, German, Hausa, Hindi, Japanese, Kannada, Korean, Mandarin, Marathi, Navajo, Nepali, Persian, Portugese, Romanian, Sinhola, Spanish, Swahili, Filipino, Tamil, Telugu, Kisanga, Indonesian, Gujarati and Malayalam. All braille is produced on paper, not plastic, by hand transcription or from zinc master plates. Large print materials are also available. Materials are sent as gifts throughout the world and need not be returned.

LBW's information services are primarily descriptive of the organization's activities and are offered to lay and professional persons alike. Services include: 1) answers to inquiries by letter, 2) distribution of brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 3) provision of a free film strip and record describing the organization and 4) distribution of the organization's newsletter.

User Eligibility: Any blind or visually impaired person may request materials from LBW. Schools and libraries make frequent use of the services. General information on the program is sent to any lay or professional inquirer.

Fees: All services are provided without charge.

Notes: Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc. was established in 1944. It is supported entirely by contributions, not by the Church. Materials are of a general religious nature, primarily Biblical, and are not specifically Lutheran.

For information or services, contact the organization at the above address.

LUTHERAN LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND
3558 S. Jefferson Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63118
PHONE: 314-664-7000

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments and deaf-blind.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Lutheran Library for the Blind is one of the largest religious libraries for the blind in the United States. It serves the blind and visually handicapped throughout North America and many foreign countries and loans books for all ages, in Grade 1 1/2 and Standard Braille, talking books and tapes. The Library has over 2,000 volumes in braille, several hundred talking books and a large amount of sight saving material. All are mailed without charge to blind users.

SERVICES: Some of the braille books available from the Library are the Bible, Catechism, Lutheran Hymnal (complete), Bible History, Bible Story books, Bible Studies and essays, prayer books and devotional literature, Church History, biographies, Christian fiction and others. Many Christian tracts and periodicals are also available, as well as braille Scripture text greeting cards and calendars. "Portals of Prayer" and "My Devotions," daily devotional books for adults and children respectively, are regularly embossed and mailed gratis to blind readers. Sunday school and Bible class materials are also provided and religious music will be brailled on request.

Catalogs listing available books may be obtained in braille or printed on request. A borrower is requested to complete an application form to assist the Library in its service to the reader. Books are loaned free and the U.S. Post Office delivers and returns the books free of charge by parcel post.

The Library also serves as a source of information on availability of other braille materials and on the privileges extended to blind persons by various agencies. In addition, the Library provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 3) permits on-site use of its holdings and 4) provides a film on the progress made in the field of education of blind persons and the involvement of the Church. The Library also has information on how to borrow talking book machines and tape recorders from the Library of Congress.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Library. Blind individuals, their families and friends are the most frequent users of the service.

Fees: All information and services are provided free of charge.

Notes: The Lutheran Library for the Blind is an agency of the Board of Missions of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. By arrangement it is a resource for the Division of Social Service, the American Lutheran Church and for the Division for Missions in North America. The Library is a common service agency available to all Lutheran churches in the United States and Canada.

The Braille Transcription Committee, which works with the Board, guides and directs the program of training hundreds of volunteers to learn the braille code so they may transcribe. Trained instructors teach the course by mail and all necessary equipment is furnished without charge.

For information and application forms, contact the Library at the above address.

March of Dimes

See: NATIONAL FOUNDATION/MARCH OF DIMES

MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute
University of Wisconsin-Stout
Menomonie, WI 54751
PHONE: 715-232-1342

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Materials Development Center (MDC) is a national central source for the collection, development and dissemination of literature, materials and procedures on the processes of vocational (work) evaluation and adjustment. The primary objective of MDC is to provide practical information, materials and procedures for field personnel to assist them in improving vocational evaluation and adjustment services given to clients.

MDC collects information in the areas of: 1) evaluation tools and procedures, 2) diagnostic individualized planning for evaluation and adjustment services, 3) behavior identification and adjustment techniques, 4) orientation to clients of evaluation services, 5) intake interviewing and activities of daily living as they pertain to work, 6) in-service training programs and 7) job seeking skills. Information is particularly strong in the MDC core areas of work evaluation and work adjustment.

SERVICES: MDC provides the following information services to eligible facilities and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) provides films or other audiovisuals, 6) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 7) permits on-site use of its holdings. Anyone, regardless of eligibility status, may request a subscription to the bimonthly newsletter.

MDC regularly distributes publications to eligible persons and facilities. It has available a number of documents on the subject of evaluation and adjustment, authored by MDC staff, and reprints of valuable but out of print materials. A brochure, SUGGESTED PUBLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPING AN AGENCY LIBRARY IN WORK EVALUATION AND ADJUSTMENT, lists most of the publications published by MDC as well as other relevant available publications. The Center also offers a literature loan service of journal articles, speeches, research reports, facility publications and similar materials. Those eligible may utilize this system by: 1) submitting information requests on specific topics or 2) requesting documents by accession number or titles which appear in the MDC annual bibliographies.

Brochures are available which describe a variety of sound-slide, film-strip and cassette materials designed for use as in-service education for professional staff or for direct use with clients. A film rental brochure is also available which describes 16 mm. films on evaluation and adjustment.

Manuals for the development of work samples which have been used effectively in the field have been collected and are available on loan. A catalog describing these materials is available on request.

User Eligibility: Under the terms of its grant, MDC provides services to: 1) rehabilitation facilities which are approved by the State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agency to provide evaluation and adjustment services to State VR agency sponsored clients and 2) State VR facility specialists. Noneligible facilities and personnel may receive the newsletter, purchase MDC publications or rent audiovisual materials. They may not use the information, literature search and loan services.

Fees: MDC services, with the exception of audiovisual loan, are free to eligible users. The noneligible group must pay fees for publications and audiovisuals. The newsletter is distributed to anyone without charge.

Notes: The Materials Development Center is supported in part by a Research and Demonstration Grant from the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. According to MDC, its holdings comprise the most comprehensive collection of all materials in the area of work evaluation and adjustment available.

For information, write to the Center at the above address.

MENTAL DISABILITY LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER Commission on the Mentally Disabled, American Bar Association
1800 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
PHONE: 202-331-2240

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental/emotional disorders in general and other neurological disorders associated with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Mental Disability Legal Resource Center, a component of the American Bar Association's Commission on the Mentally Disabled, began initial operation in June 1975. Its first priority project is to publish the MENTAL DISABILITY LAW REPORTER, a bimonthly compendium of legal materials for lawyers, administrators, professionals and advocates in the mental disability area, and a practice tool for lawyers involved in mental disability litigation. The REPORTER contains case law, legislation, regulatory development, full texts of important and/or unreported materials, articles on legal and technical subjects, sample pleadings and testimony and bibliographies of legal and professional articles. Other functions of the Center are to: 1) operate a Clearinghouse of legal and technical materials, 2) provide technical assistance to Federal and State agencies, attorneys, legislative committees, consumer groups, professionals working with mentally disabled persons and others interested in laws affecting mentally disabled persons and 3) make recommendations and prepare amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs to be filed on behalf of the American Bar Association in cases of major importance in the mental disability area. Areas

of technical assistance and REPORTER coverage include: 1) formal education of mentally disabled individuals, 2) the employment rights of mentally disabled individuals, 3) income maintenance/security, 4) civil rights/legislation and 5) research, especially the regulation of and constitutional and other limitations on biomedical and behavioral research on mentally disabled subjects.

SERVICES: The Center provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends copies of materials on request, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) makes the MENTAL DISABILITY LAW REPORTER available to subscribers, 7) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests and 8) permits on-site use of its holdings. In the future, the Center plans to publish monographs and position papers and to establish a Mental Disability Legislative/Regulatory Consultation Service.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Center. However, the Center is particularly designed to meet the information needs of lawyers, legislators, mental disability professionals and administrators.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. However, there is a charge for brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets, previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, the MENTAL DISABILITY LAW REPORTER and for duplication of Clearinghouse materials. Fees are waived in certain exceptional, meritorious cases.

Notes: The Mental Disability Legal Resource Center is in the process of developing its Clearinghouse. Currently, holdings include: 1) court decisions, both Federal and State, reported and unreported, 2) Federal and State laws, committee reports, bills and hearing records, 3) Federal and State regulations, 4) legal and technical articles and journals, 5) court pleadings, briefs and transcripts, 6) publications of other organizations, 7) newspaper clippings and 8) books. The Center accepts copies of court pleadings, briefs, opinions, proposed or enacted legislation, regulations, executive orders and other materials dealing with mentally disabled persons, for addition to the Clearinghouse collection and possible publication in the REPORTER. The Commission on the Mentally Disabled, which operates the Center, was officially created by a Resolution of the American Bar Association's Board of Governors in May 1973. It is an interdisciplinary group composed of known leaders in the mental disability field including leaders of the bench and bar, prominent representatives of relevant behavioral disciplines and respected lay people. Its mission is to recommend and implement programs designed to reform the deficiencies in programs and services for mentally disabled persons and to develop a liaison with State and local bar associations and other interested groups. In early 1975, the Commission conducted a

survey of the present activities of organized bar groups at the State and local levels related to laws affecting mentally disabled persons and began a Bar Activation Program to increase the participation of local and State bar associations in the delivery of adequate legal services to mentally disabled persons and in the reform of programs and services for these persons. The Commission has also prepared a BAR ACTIVATION GUIDE for circulation to State and local bar associations, with information on the Commission's goals, methods for organizing local committees, suggestions for State and local programs, as well as detailed discussion of programs which State and local committees can use as guidelines for implementation. For information write the Center at the above address.

MENTAL HEALTH LAW PROJECT
1220 19th Street, N.W.
Suite 300
Washington, DC 20036
PHONE: 202-467-5730

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental/emotional disorders in general and developmental disabilities which include epilepsy, cerebral palsy, autism and mental retardation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Mental Health Law Project (MHLF) is an interdisciplinary public interest organization which attempts to define and protect the rights of mentally disabled persons and to stimulate improvements in public policies regarding their care, treatment, habilitation and community life. To this end, Project attorneys select test cases, each exploring new legal issues related to mental handicaps or developmental disabilities and work to make new precedents and court orders which produce reform. Project staff monitor efforts to provide treatment and habilitation, document the potential for alternative, noninstitutional facilities, survey experimental programs involving behavior modification, psychosurgery and psychotropic drugs and call suspected violations of civil rights to the attention of mental health organizations and, if necessary, the courts. In addition, the Project trains law and social work students each year at its offices.

SERVICES: The Project provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers and client service attorneys, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) provides previously prepared bibliographies, indexes, legal papers, briefs or abstracts.

The Project's quarterly newsletter, available without charge, summarizes the activities of the Project. Other publications are: 1) BASIC RIGHTS OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, a consumer handbook published by the Mental Health Law Project with a grant from the National Association of Mental Health, 2) LEGAL RIGHTS OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, a three-volume course handbook which includes technical information about mental

health and retardation issues, case law and legal analysis and 3) MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATIVE GUIDE, a comprehensive summary, including model statutes, prepared by MHLF for publication in 1977 under contract to the National Institute of Mental Health.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from MHLF. Frequent inquirers include mental health professionals, Legal Services attorneys and consumer advocacy groups.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Reimbursement is asked for duplications of legal papers, brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and for previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts. A contribution is invited for receipt of the newsletter. Fees vary for publications.

Notes: The Mental Health Law Project was established in 1972 by three public interest lawyers: Charles Halpern of the Center for Law and Social Policy; Paul Friedman, also an attorney with the Center, representing a second discipline of psychoanalytic training and working as a volunteer in a community mental health center; and Bruce Ennis of the New York Civil Liberties Union. The Project was sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, the American Orthopsychiatric Association and the Center for Law and Social Policy. It is funded by private foundations and individual contributions.

For information, write the Project at the above address.

MENTAL HEALTH MATERIALS CENTER
819 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10016
PHONE: 212-889-5760

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental/emotional disorders in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Mental Health Materials Center's (MHMC) primary objective is to facilitate the effective dissemination and utilization of the best program aids in mental health and family life education. It reviews and evaluates approximately 1,000 new pamphlets, books, films and other audiovisuals each year for inclusion in its annotated publication, SELECTIVE GUIDE TO MATERIALS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION. Since 1956, the Center has served the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry as its publications office, editing, publishing, promoting and distributing its reports. The services of MHMC have been used by government agencies in conducting special studies related to program materials, evaluation studies and preparation of special materials; it has provided consultative services to city and State agencies.

The Center sponsors periodic seminar-workshops in various parts of the country for mental health and family life education personnel. MHMC has also established a clearinghouse through which media information and education materials produced around the country can be shared on an extensive basis.

SERVICES: The Human Services Educational Resource System (HSERS) is the primary information unit of the Mental Health Materials Center. HSERS offers six basic information services to subscribing individuals and agencies: 1) "In-depth Reports," a bimonthly bulletin which provides in-depth coverage on innovative programs and projects, and which features a section supplementing the SELECTIVE GUIDE, 2) "Sneak Previews," a bimonthly confidential report on all films reviewed by the HSERS staff which contains price and ordering information, 3) "News, Notes and Ideas," a bimonthly publication prepared by MHMC's Washington staff which carries news of significance to those responsible for information and education programs related to governmental actions, as well as reports on innovative projects, 4) bimonthly packets containing sample copies of innovative publications, 5) advanced information and priority applications for seminars and workshops sponsored by MHMC and 6) constant, unlimited consultation by HSERS staff on questions related to educational programs and methods, procedures and tools. On-site consultation is also available.

User Eligibility: Professionals interested in mental health and mental health programs are the primary target group of the Center. It will answer some questions for the general public; however, handicapped individuals are not directly served. The Center is primarily engaged in providing information and consultation services for a fee. Free service is provided in response to requests only if it can be done inexpensively.

Fees: Fees are charged for most services and are based on the particular service provided. Brochures and pamphlets about the organization are provided free of charge to professionals.

Notes: For information, contact MHMC at the above address.

MINISTRIES TO THE DEAF AND BLIND Division of Home Missions,
General Council of Assemblies of God
1445 Boonville Avenue
Springfield, MO 65802
PHONE: 417-862-2781

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sensory impairments in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Ministries to the Deaf and Blind (MDB) is an evangelical outreach program supported by the Division of Home Missions of the General Council of Assemblies of God established to: 1) produce religious literature for blind and deaf persons and 2) insure an adequate number of trained religious workers to carry out the ministry. MDB's overriding interest is religion. It has information on religious education of handicapped individuals and on the education and employment of religious personnel to work with them.

SERVICES: The Ministries to the Deaf and Blind provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers

inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers (churches, congregations and similar organizations for blind or deaf persons), 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) provides films or other audiovisuals and 5) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf. Professionals are also sent the organization's newsletter.

MDB engages in an extensive publications program to disseminate the Word of God through the Gospel Publishing House, the printing and merchandising division of the Assemblies of God. Special pamphlets, tracts, Bible study manuals and other materials are illustrated in sign language for the deaf. For the blind, several Sunday school quarterlies and tracts are produced in braille. The Library for the Blind provides a selection of braille books and cassette listening materials on a loan basis. A ten volume braille hymnal, HYMNS OF GLORIOUS PRAISE, is also available. The Library BRAILLE BOOK LIST is available on request.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request religious information from the Ministries.

Fees: Most information is provided free. There is a rental charge for audiovisuals. MDB does not charge blind persons for materials in braille, but depends upon the contributions of interested individuals and churches to continue the ministry. Fees are charged for some publications for deaf persons. Notes: The General Council of the Assemblies of God, founder of Ministries to the Deaf and Blind, was organized in 1914.

Central Bible College and North Central Bible College, both Assemblies of God institutions, maintain a Special Ministries Department to train ministers for the deaf and special deaf programs to prepare deaf men and women for the ministry.

Information on these programs should be requested from: 1) Registrar, Central Bible College, 3000 N. Grant Ave., Springfield, Missouri 65802 and 2) Deaf Ministry North Central Bible College, 910 Elliott Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404.

National deaf conventions are sponsored biennially at the Assemblies of God headquarters in Springfield, Missouri for ministers to the deaf, lay workers, and deaf delegates. Summer camps for deaf persons are strategically located throughout the States and provide opportunities for spiritual growth. In addition, various direct volunteer services are provided through local churches.

For information, write the Ministries at the above address.

MINISTRY TO THE DEAF Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Board of Missions
500 N. Broadway
St. Louis, MO 63102
PHONE: 314-231-6969

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments and deaf-blind.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of the Ministry to the Deaf of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is to provide a spiritual, Gospel and

social ministry to deaf and hearing handicapped persons. Its primary emphasis is on the profoundly deaf, whom it serves through its 55 organized, self-sustaining deaf churches and congregations. The Ministry is part of the worldwide Mission of the Church. It includes and serves deaf persons of all ages both in the United States and overseas and recruits and trains volunteers and professionals, both hearing and deaf, for its ministry.

SERVICES: The Ministry provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts (mostly religious in nature), 6) provides films or other audiovisuals, 7) sends the organization's newsletter, 8) prepares bibliographies, abstracts or indexes (mostly religious in nature) in response to certain individual requests and 9) permits on-site use of its holdings.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Ministry. Frequent inquirers include parents of deaf persons, churches and Sunday schools working with deaf persons and pastors, teachers and other professionals working with deaf individuals.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. There is a charge for brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets and for films and other audiovisuals.

Notes: The Ministry to the Deaf is part of the total Mission and Ministry of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, whose Division of Missions controls and finances its Board for Missions which in turn controls and finances the Ministry to the Deaf. The Ministry to the Deaf relates to other ministries to handicapped individuals of the Lutheran Church, such as the Ministry to the Blind and the Commission on Mental Retardation and other special and social ministries.

The Ministry to the Deaf is cooperating with the Lutheran Council USA on developing a Registry of the Sensory Impaired (deaf, blind and deaf-blind) for the Lutheran deaf congregation. It also maintains statistical information on: 1) the incidence of deafness within the Lutheran Church, 2) the incidence of the deaf-blind handicap, 3) relatives and families of deaf persons and 4) volunteer and professional teachers of deaf individuals within the Church. The Ministry's holdings include church books, such as hymnals, liturgies, lectionaries and large type materials. It has compiled a Directory of Lutheran Churches of the Deaf and a Directory of Workers with the Deaf.

The Ministry annually sponsors the Ephphatha Conference of Workers Among the Deaf, the in-service training facility of the Board of Missions. It also works closely with the Ephphatha Services for the Deaf-Blind, and the Lutheran Library for the Blind (see separate listings).

For information, contact Reverend Rohe at the above address.

Mongoloid Development Council
See: DOWN'S SYNDROME CONGRESS

Moss Rehabilitation Hospital Travel Information Center
See: TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTER

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION, INC.
810 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10019
PHONE: 212-586-0808

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Muscular dystrophies and associated neuromuscular disorders, including myositis and other primary muscle disorders, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), peroneal muscular atrophy, benign congenital hypotonia, infantile progressive spinal muscular atrophy, juvenile progressive spinal muscular atrophy, adult progressive spinal muscular atrophy, Friedreich's ataxia, myasthenia gravis, phosphorylase deficiency (McArdle's disease), acid maltase deficiency (Pompe's disease), phosphofructokinase deficiency (Tarui's disease), debrancher enzyme deficiency (Cori's or Forbe's disease), carnitine deficiency, carnitine palmityl transferase deficiency, periodic paralysis, hyperthyroid myopathy, hypothyroid myopathy, myopathies secondary to disorders of adrenal corticosteroids, myotonia congenita (Thomsen's disease) and paramyotonia congenita.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purposes of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc. (MDA) are to: 1) promote research into the causes and cures of muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular diseases, 2) render services to patients and 3) carry on a program of education among physicians, members of the paramedical professions and the general public.

SERVICES: MDA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct services providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) provides films or other audiovisuals and 7) sends the organization's newsletter. Direct services are provided by MDA through its local chapter affiliates. These services include the payment of fees for consultative diagnostic examination and physical therapy (when recommended and supervised by a physician); the purchase and repair of wheelchairs and orthopedic devices when prescribed by a physician; and various educational and recreational programs adapted to the specific needs of patients served by the Association. MDA also maintains 164 free clinics which provide diagnosis, physical therapy, medical and social counseling, and in some cases, serve as clinical research centers. Other services include summer camp sessions for adults and children and pilot projects aimed at increasing educational and job opportunities for those afflicted with neuromuscular diseases.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association. Frequent inquirers include researchers and individuals afflicted with neuromuscular diseases.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Fees may be charged for materials requested in great quantities.

Notes: The Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc. (formerly Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, Inc.) was incorporated in the State of New York in 1950. It currently has 229 MDA Chapter affiliates located in 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico. The Association's Board of Directors determines all program and financial policies.

The activities of MDA are particularly oriented to supporting and sponsoring research. The research program of MDA covers the field of neuromuscular disorders, including basic and applied research into nerve, muscle and metabolism. In 1975, the Association supported over 300 research grants in the United States and in 17 foreign countries. These grants included grants-in-aid to individual scientists, postdoctoral and clinical fellowships, summer scholarships, clinical service grants and summer scholarships for medical school students. In addition, MDA has established and maintains ten major university-based research and clinical centers. Research is monitored by the Association's Medical Advisory Committee and Scientific Advisory Committee.

MDA also sponsors national and regional conferences and international symposia on neuromuscular diseases. Proceedings of all symposia and conferences are published and made available for distribution; international symposia proceedings are published by Excerpta Medica. Excerpta Medica also has a grant from MDA to publish abstracts in English of articles on muscle research taken from medical journals from all over the world; the resulting publication is MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ABSTRACTS.

For information, write the Director of Patient and Community Services at the above address.

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS FOUNDATION
230 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10017
PHONE: 212-684-6387

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Myasthenia gravis.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation is a national voluntary health agency working towards the advancement of research and education in myasthenia gravis. The purposes of the Foundation are to: 1) foster, coordinate and support research into the cause, prevention, alleviation and cure of myasthenia gravis, 2) aid and assist the victims of this disease, 3) disseminate, among the members of the medical profession, information concerning the results of research into myasthenia gravis, as well as information concerning advances in thera-

peutic procedures, 4) discharge research funds to institutions and individuals for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing objectives and for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, alleviation or cure of myasthenia gravis and/or related diseases, 5) publicize the characteristics of myasthenia gravis and information concerning research and therapy and 6) cooperate with other organizations involved in similar activities. The Foundation also supports a network of free and low-cost clinics at medical centers throughout the United States.

SERVICES: The Foundation provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers (the network of clinics supported by the Foundation), 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) provides films or other audiovisuals and 5) sends the organization's newsletter.

Two films have been produced for professional and lay audiences: 1) MYASTHENIA GRAVIS: RECOGNITION AND MANAGEMENT, designed for the medical profession and favorably reviewed by the American Medical Association and 2) STRENGTH FOR TOMORROW, an adaptation of the professional film designed for public showing before chapters and other nonprofessional groups and for TV and theater use. The Foundation also publishes MYASTHENIA GRAVIS--A MANUAL FOR THE PHYSICIAN and MYASTHENIA GRAVIS--A MANUAL FOR THE NURSE to aid these professionals in the recognition, management and understanding of myasthenia gravis.

In addition, the Foundation sponsors a professional education program through publications, reports in scientific journals, films, teaching materials, symposia and conferences with State, Federal and local agencies and an ongoing public education program.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation. Frequent inquirers are the general public and researchers.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation was founded in 1952 and has more than 50 chapters nationwide. One of the major functions of the Foundation is to conduct its National Medical Advisory Board Scientific Sessions. During these annual sessions, members of the Medical Advisory Board report on their work in myasthenia gravis at medical schools, laboratories and hospitals to distinguished physicians from all over the country. The sessions include presentations of abstracts and papers on research programs, advanced theories, newly-developed methods of treatment, clinic activities and specific accomplishments in the field. Every five years, the Foundation also sponsors or cosponsors international conferences on myasthenia gravis.

The Research and Grants Committee of the Medical Advisory Board awards grants to institutions and universities for research in myasthenia gravis. In addition, the Foundation awards postdoctoral and student fellowships.

For information, call or write the Foundation.

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR AGENCIES SERVING THE BLIND
AND VISUALLY HANDICAPPED
79 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016
PHONE: 212-683-8581

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped (NAC) develops national accreditation standards for agencies and schools that offer specialized services to blind children and adults. It attempts to develop a climate in which an increasing number of agencies and schools will be stimulated to improve services to blind persons through accreditation.

The Council collects information on standards as they apply to: 1) education of handicapped individuals, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training and rights, hiring regulations and special needs of handicapped employees, 3) rehabilitation services (health), 4) psycho-social services and 5) research. Files on current research are not comprehensive. Research reports are assembled for use in administering and updating standards and in developing new standards.

SERVICES: The Council currently provides information about standards for five management areas: 1) agency function and structure, 2) financial accounting and service reporting, 3) personnel administration and volunteer service, 4) physical facilities and 5) public relations and fund raising. Eight service areas are also covered: 1) education, 2) rehabilitation teaching, 3) orientation and mobility services, 4) production of reading materials, 5) rehabilitation centers, 6) sheltered workshops, 7) social services and 8) vocational services.

The Council provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets. Lay inquirers are also referred to direct service providers. The organization's newsletter is distributed primarily to professionals.

The Council has developed a number of publications for distribution. Brochures, pamphlets and a list of accredited agencies are available for the general public and news media. The Council has developed three SELF STUDY AND EVALUATION GUIDES, for agencies, sheltered workshops and residential schools. A publications catalog and price list are also available.

User Eligibility: The Council will provide both lay and professional persons with information; however, services and most information are tailored to meet the needs of agencies serving blind and visually handicapped persons.

Fees: Information is provided free of charge. Fees are set for agencies seeking accreditation.

Notes: The National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped began operations on January 1, 1967 as a nonprofit membership organization. It grew out of the Commission on Standards and Accreditation of Services for the Blind (COMSTAC), organized in 1963 at the initiative of the American Foundation for the Blind to: 1) formulate basic standards for services to blind persons and 2) create a permanent body to implement these standards. The blueprint for the permanent body outlined in THE COMSTAC REPORT: STANDARDS FOR STRENGTHENED SERVICES was followed in establishing the NAC to administer a nationwide system of voluntary accreditation. Members of the Council include civic and professional leaders and representatives of accredited and associate member agencies. Associate membership is available to certain categories of nonprofit organizations that support the objectives of the Council but are not subject to accreditation.

The three major program arms of the Council are the Commission on Accreditation (COA), the Commission on Standards (COS) and the National Committee for Advancement of Standards (NCAS).

The COA formulates policies, methods and procedures for the granting, maintenance and renewal of accreditation. The COS refines and updates standards and develops standards in additional areas. The NCAS encourages and assists agencies and schools to apply the standards.

The Council also conducts workshops and other meetings with professional and consumer groups to provide information on the use of standards as a management tool and occasionally convenes special institutes on certain topics.

For information, the general public and news media should contact Anne New; agencies and professionals interested in using the standards should contact Carl Augusto. If in doubt as to the correct person, contact Dr. Richard W. Bleeker, Executive Director. All are at the above address and phone number.

NATIONAL ALS FOUNDATION, INC.
185 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016
PHONE: 212-679-4016

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purposes of the National ALS Foundation are to: 1) foster research that will find the cause, treatment and cure of ALS, 2) educate and inform the general public as to the nature of ALS, 3) be a communications center for all data relating to ALS, 4) help ALS patients and their families through counseling and training to live as full and normal lives as possible and 5) aid those afflicted with ALS either with financial assistance, through the loan of equipment or by other means. Information is provided in the following areas relative to ALS: 1) general information about the disease, 2) transportation (local ambulette and limousine services), 3) health, including diagnos-

tic evaluation and treatment, 4) recreation/physical education, 5) activities of daily living, 6) equipment/special devices/aids and 7) research.

SERVICES: The Foundation provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Special Information Services: The Foundation is currently involved in a research project, "Project Computer." Questionnaires answered by ALS patients have been coded into a computer and much needed information about ALS is being gathered, sorted and compiled by the Foundation's researchers. Through this project, the Foundation hopes that information will be developed that will add to the scientific data now available on ALS. The system is for use by researchers and no fees are charged.

Notes: The National ALS Foundation was chartered in 1971. For information, call or write the Foundation at the above address.

NATIONAL AMPUTATION FOUNDATION
12-45 150th Street
Whitestone, NY 11357
PHONE: 212-767-0596

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Amputation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Amputation Foundation, Inc. (NAF) was created to aid and assist all amputees in solving their daily living, psychological, employment and legal problems. It provides direct services aimed at integrating the amputee into the community, and information services in the following areas: 1) employment, including placement, job counseling and rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the amputee employee, 2) housing, 3) transportation, 4) rehabilitation (health), 5) psycho-social services, including psychological counseling, 6) income maintenance/security, 7) recreation/physical education, 8) activities of daily living, 9) prosthetics and 10) civil/rights legislation. Information is particularly strong on adaptation to artificial limbs.

SERVICES: NAF provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) sends the organization's newsletter and 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf. Lay inquirers are also sent brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts on request and referred to other infor-

mation centers or direct service providers, when necessary. In addition, NAF regularly distributes press releases on its activities.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation. The most frequent inquirers are amputees and professional persons working with them.

Fees: Information and services are provided free of charge.

Notes: The National Amputation Foundation, Inc. was established in 1919 as an offshoot of the organization Disabled American Veterans. Although the Foundation originally served only veterans, it has now expanded its goals to serve all amputees.

The services provided by the Foundation include legal counsel, vocational guidance and placement, social activities, contact with outside groups, psychological aid and training in the use of prosthetic devices. In 1961, NAF established its own prosthetics center for the manufacture and repair of artificial limbs.

NAF holds an annual convention in New York City; the Amputee of the Year Award is presented at this meeting. Numerous trips for recreational purposes are also planned and sponsored by the Foundation. For information, contact the organization at the above address.

National Amputee Skiers Association

See: NATIONAL INCONVENIENCED SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONCERNED VETERANS

1900 L Street, N.W.

Suite 314

Washington, DC 20036

PHONE: 202-785-2155

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Association of Concerned Veterans (NACV) is an organization of individuals and organizations committed to finding constructive solutions to the problems facing the veteran, particularly the veteran of the Vietnam era. Its members are a major force behind "job fairs" and "opportunity fairs" and work actively for legislation of benefit to veterans. NACV has worked in the interest of disabled veterans through its membership in the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and its association with the National Alliance of Businessmen. The Association also works with the Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Blinded Veterans Association, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and AMVETS.

NACV provides information in the following areas relative to disabled veterans: 1) general information about disabling conditions, 2) education, including education of handicapped veterans and personnel dealing

with them, 4) rehabilitation (health), 5) psycho-social services and 6) civil rights/legislation. The Association's information is particularly strong in the area of legislation.

SERVICES: NACV's services are aimed at satisfying the information needs of the veteran and the general public; services are not designed for professionals. For the layperson, NACV will: 1) answer inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refer inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) send brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets, 4) send the Association's newsletter, 5) make inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 6) permit on-site use of its holdings. The Association also produces specialized manuals, position papers and background papers on topics of interest to veterans.

User Eligibility: Any interested inquirer may utilize NACV's information services though these services are not specifically designed for professionals. Services are used most frequently by able-bodied and disabled veterans of the Vietnam era.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: NACV was founded in 1968 in Mankato, Minnesota as the National Association of Collegiate Veterans when representatives of 15 Vietnam era veterans' groups joined to create a voice for a new generation of veterans. Early activities were predominantly social and centered on college campuses. The name change to "Concerned Veterans" in 1973 marked the broadened perspective of the group to include the needs of all veterans, although the organization's constituency is primarily Vietnam era veterans.

The Association supports progressive veterans' legislation at the State and Federal levels. Its advocacy is confined to the domestic concerns of the Vietnam era veteran and includes issues related to educational benefits, vocational rehabilitation, national manpower policies, housing interest rates, health care delivery systems, Federal aid to institutions of higher education, vocational education reform, small business development opportunities, civil rights, military code of justice reforms, congressional reforms and child day care. The criteria for such involvement is that Vietnam era veterans must derive some tangible and concrete benefits.

This volunteer organization convenes an annual national convention. For information, contact the Association at the above address.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COORDINATORS OF STATE PROGRAMS
FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED, INC.
2001 Jefferson Davis Highway
Suite 1010
Arlington, VA 22202
PHONE: 703-920-0700

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental retardation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Association of Coordinators of State Programs for the Mentally Retarded, Inc. (NACSPMR) was established to: 1) facilitate the exchange of information among States on the most advanced and efficacious methods of providing care and training for retarded persons and 2) represent the interests of State mental retardation program officials in the development and implementation of programs of the Federal Government.

The Association has developed a collection of materials with particular emphasis on mental retardation and related developmental disabilities. Areas of coverage include: 1) vocational training and rehabilitation, 2) psycho-social services, 3) income maintenance/security, 4) activities of daily living and 5) civil rights/legislation. Information is particularly strong in the areas of State and Federal legislation and regulations affecting handicapped individuals and the organization of State services for mentally retarded persons.

SERVICES: The information services of the Association are geared to meeting the needs of professional inquirers, particularly State coordinators. For professionals, the Association will answer inquiries by phone or letter and refer inquirers to other information centers. The Association publishes two newsletters available to both lay and professional persons. NEW DIRECTIONS, a monthly, provides concise, up-to-date information on new and innovative developments in State and local programs. CAPITOL CAPSULE, a monthly newsletter, features timely reports on significant developments in Washington and the implications of pending and enacted legislation. In addition to the newsletters, State coordinators receive frequent special bulletins, entitled INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, on legislation, litigation and administrative policies. The Association also produces and distributes special publications on programming, State services, budgeting, legal rights of retarded persons and other topics of interest to professionals in the field.

User Eligibility: NACSPMR is primarily interested in providing information services to State officials responsible for programs serving handicapped persons. Staff limitations preclude the Association from acting as a general information center although inquiries from the general public are answered if possible. However, any lay or professional person may subscribe to the newsletters.

Fees: The Association will respond to professional inquiries without charge. Fees are charged for membership and certain publications. Lay and professional persons must pay a subscription charge for the newsletters.

Notes: The National Association of Coordinators of State Programs for the Mentally Retarded was founded in 1963. Membership is limited to one individual per State, appointed by the governor. Membership dues are based on the State's relative percentage of the national developmental disabilities formula grant allocations in any given year.

The Association has begun to sponsor and cosponsor a number of regular and special meetings for its members. The annual meeting features a day-long seminar organized around a central program theme of unique interest to State program administrators. In addition, NACSPMR has cosponsored conferences, field trips and regional workshops.

The Association also represents the interests of State mental retardation officials in the area of legislation and has worked with other interested agencies to influence legislation and Federal agencies.

For information, contact the Association at the above address.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

814 Thayer Avenue

Silver Spring, MD 20910

PHONE: 301-587-1788

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments and deaf-blind.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) was established to bring deaf persons in different sections of the United States into close contact with one another and to deliberate on the needs of deaf individuals as a class. NAD's goals include serving deaf persons and promoting their unique needs in legislation, education, communication, health, research, taxes, rehabilitation, information on personal and family counseling and fighting descrimination in insurance and employment. NAD emphasizes "total communication," that is the right of all deaf people to learn to use all forms of communication available to develop language competence. This includes the full spectrum of gestures, speech, formal sign language, fingerspelling, speechreading, reading, writing and making use of residual hearing through amplification. In addition, NAD is a publisher and a clearing-house of books and information relating to deafness.

SERVICES: NAD provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends the organization's newsletter and 5) permits on-site use of its holdings which include over 15,000 books and other materials on deafness from 1965 backwards to 1880; the collection is currently being updated.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NAD. Frequent inquirers include deaf persons, their families and professionals working with them.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees are levied for brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and for the NAD newsletter.

Notes: The National Association of the Deaf was founded in 1880 and has 47 State organizations nationwide. In addition to its other activities, NAD is involved in a number of special programs. Some of these are the following: 1) the National Census of the Deaf co-sponsored by NAD with the Deafness Research and Training Center of New York University. This Census, which includes the size of the deaf population, its geographical distribution and its demographic characteristics, is being used as a basis for recommendations to the Federal Government on existing and needed services and programs for deaf persons, 2) the Communicative Skills Program, a long-term teaching project to develop curricula, guidelines, avenues of recruitment and provisions for administrative controls in the direction, development and evaluation of high-quality communication programs; these programs strive to teach sign language to educators, rehabilitation counselors, other related personnel working with deaf persons, and other persons interested in learning to communicate with deaf people, 3) an extensive publication operation to increase public awareness of deafness and deaf people and to encourage greater use of total communication with deaf people through sign language manuals and 4) an NAD program to screen and evaluate general entertainment motion pictures for Media Services and Captioned Films of the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped, U.S. Office of Education to determine which movies should be captioned for deaf audiences. In addition, NAD conducts workshops and seminars, including the International Research Seminar on the Vocational Rehabilitation of Deaf Persons. NAD also was host in 1975 to the World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf which seeks to facilitate the interchange of research information in the following fields: Medical, Audiological, Psychological, Artistic, Vocational Rehabilitation, Pedagogic, Sports, Sign Language and Aid to Developing Countries. For information contact the Association at the above address.

National Association for Down's Syndrome

See: DOWN'S SYNDROME CONGRESS

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR HEARING AND SPEECH ACTION

814 Thayer Avenue

Silver Spring, MD 20910

PHONE: 301-588-5242

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments and communicative impairments in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Association for Hearing and Speech Action (NAHSA) is an organization dedicated to promoting the interests of persons with hearing and speech handicaps. Its four major goals are to: 1) enhance public understanding, 2) provide direct assistance to hearing and speech agencies, 3) foster needed social action and 4) launch a program of prevention.

The Association collects and disseminates information on speech and hearing impairments and on the following topics: 1) education of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 2) health, including prevention, diagnostic evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation, 3) psychosocial services, 4) activities of daily living and 5) equipment/special devices/aids.

SERVICES: NAHSA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) provides films or other audiovisuals, 4) sends the Association's newsletter and 5) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf. Lay inquirers are also referred to direct service providers and provided with brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets. Professionals are sent previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts.

NAHSA's programs are in the broad areas of public information, professional education and training, field services, promotion of related careers and certification. The Association conducts a national public education program, assists community planners in giving appropriate consideration to the needs of hearing and speech handicapped persons, provides informational materials and other assistance in regard to high-risk infant screening, preschool screening, in-school screening and awareness programs and provides informational materials for the offices of family physicians, including pediatricians, general practitioners and internists.

Special publications of NAHSA have dealt with community planning, industrial hearing and conservation, careers, newborn screening and accreditation.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association. The membership originally consisted of otologists, social workers, teachers, speech pathologists and audiologists and other professionals; however, the Association is making efforts to broaden the membership base to include consumers, parents, commercial interests and other volunteers.

Fees: Most information is provided without charge; however, fees are levied for bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, the newsletter and for membership. Notes: NAHSA was established on June 16, 1919 as the American Association for the Hard of Hearing. It is a national association with local affiliates throughout the country which provide direct services.

NAHSA provides education and training for professionals by offering continuing education programs, workshops, pilot programs to train supportive personnel and sessions for community policy makers. An annual meeting is also convened. In addition, NAHSA sponsors Better Hearing and Speech Month as a major educational and fund raising effort.

For information, contact the Executive Director at the above address.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, INC.
1800 N. Kent Street
Arlington, VA 22209
PHONE: 703-528-6405

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental/emotional disorders, including psychoneuroses, psychoses, some drug addiction, some learning disabilities and mild emotional disorders.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Association for Mental Health (NAMH) is an organization of volunteers dedicated to stimulating social action in the area of mental illness. The goals of the Association are to: 1) improve attitudes toward mental illness and mentally ill persons, 2) improve services for mentally ill persons and 3) work for the prevention of mental illness and promotion of mental health. To achieve these goals, NAMH develops and/or provides: research into causes, treatment and prevention; laws and programs for community mental health centers within the reach of everyone, everywhere, improved hospital care, services for mentally ill children and aftercare and rehabilitative services; information materials to increase knowledge about mental illness and treatment resources for adults and children; education programs for public and for special groups; guides for State and local affiliates to carry out programs to fight and prevent mental illness; and field support to assist divisions and chapters in developing their community services and financial programs. Additional areas of coverage relative to mental illness include: 1) formal education of mentally ill persons, 2) activities of daily living, 3) civil rights/legislation and 4) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training and the rights of the mentally ill employee. The Association is particularly interested in providing information to the public on mental illness and mental problems warranting professional help.

SERVICES: NAMH answers lay inquirers by phone or letter and refers them to other information centers or direct service providers when necessary. Both lay and professional inquirers are provided with brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and films or other audiovisuals on request. NAMH will prepare bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual professional requests. The Association also makes available various publications on mental illness.

Direct services, such as special treatment and school service programs and hospital and rehabilitation programs are provided at the local level. Additional information services and social and legislative action services are also available through State and community NAMH affiliates. The national office provides technical advice to local units.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association. Interested persons in the general public are the most frequent inquirers.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees are charged for some brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets and for films and other audiovisuals. Notes: The National Association for Mental Health was formed in 1950 by the merger of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, the National Mental Health Foundation and the Psychiatric Foundation. It currently has 950 local chapters nationwide. For information, write the Association at the above address.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MUSIC THERAPY
P.O. Box 610
Lawrence, KS 66044
PHONE: 913-842-1909

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sensory impairments in general, communicative impairments in general, musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions in general, neurological disorders in general, respiratory conditions in general and mental/emotional disorders in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Association for Music Therapy (NAMT) is a professional organization devoted to the progressive development of the use of music in medicine to accomplish therapeutic aims. To meet this goal, the Association supports: 1) the advancement of research, 2) the establishment of qualifications and standards of training for therapists, 3) the distribution of helpful information and 4) the perfection of clinical music techniques employed in hospital, educational and community settings.

In addition to gathering general information on disabling conditions within its area of coverage, NAMT collects information in the following areas: 1) education of music therapists, including curriculum and program development information for universities interested in establishing programs and lists of established programs, 2) employment of music therapists, including statistics on current employment opportunities and 3) general information on research in music therapy.

SERVICES: NAMT has been actively involved in establishing educational standards and professional qualifications for music therapists and distributes information on the career aspects and clinical applications of music therapy. For both lay and professional inquirers, the Association provides the following services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) provides films or other audiovisuals and 6) permits on-site use of its holdings. Brochures and pamphlets are also supplied to health career fairs for use as handout material.

Some services are restricted to the membership; these include the membership newsletter and directory, use of the employment placement service, special notices and announcements and special discounts on purchase of publications.

User Eligibility: Any interested inquirer may request information from the Association; however, it is oriented to satisfying the needs of music therapy professionals, educators and students, potential music therapy students and university administrators interested in developing music therapy degree programs.

Fees: Most information is provided free; however, fees are charged for previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, films and other audiovisuals and selected publications.

Notes: The National Association for Music Therapy was founded in 1950. It establishes criteria for registration of music therapists and approves the registration of qualified members. It also operates a placement service for professionals throughout the country and contacts potential employers to inform them of possible music therapy applicants.

The Association conducts national and regional annual conferences for its membership. Standards for college course requirements and guidelines for clinical training programs are constantly studied and revised periodically.

The Association's library holdings consist of music therapy literature, the Association's archives, limited government relations and allied health materials and directories of facilities, schools and related information.

For information, write or call Margaret Sears, Executive Director, at the above address.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
76 Elm Street
London, OH 43140
PHONE: 614-852-1664

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All physical handicaps.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Association of the Physically Handicapped, Inc. (NAPH) is an organization of physically handicapped persons and nonhandicapped associate members. The goal of the Association is to do all things necessary to improve the social, economic and physical welfare of all physically handicapped persons. To this end, the Association: 1) proposes and supports legislation to provide more education and rehabilitation opportunities, tax relief, employment and other benefits for physically handicapped persons, 2) provides programs for physically handicapped persons which are not readily available otherwise, such as physical fitness, sports and other activity programs, 3) promotes the elimination of architectural barriers especially in public buildings and facilities, theatres, educational and sporting facilities, 4) supports and promotes the accessibility of public transportation systems and 5) cooperates with government agencies, civic groups and organizations of physically handicapped individuals to devise, promote and implement programs to bring about a better way of life for all physically handicapped persons. NAPH's National

Education and Research Committee also collects and studies data and information of special concern to physically handicapped persons and keeps its members and other handicapped persons informed of these matters. NAPH provides direct assistance to its members in all the above mentioned areas and referral to sources of assistance to other interested persons. NAPH also sponsors the NAPH Farm-Home, Inc., an organization dedicated to the building of housing and related facilities for physically handicapped individuals. A pilot project is now being developed.

SERVICES: NAPH provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) sends the organization's newsletter.

Age: The subject matter of the information provided by the Association is not about any particular age group. However, an individual must be 16 years of age or older to join the organization.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association. Since NAPH is supported entirely by its membership, members receive certain benefits. Nonmembers with specific requests are generally referred to their community resources for assistance. Full membership is offered to physically handicapped persons over 16 years of age; associate membership is offered to interested able-bodied individuals.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. There is a fee for membership.

Notes: The National Association of the Physically Handicapped, Inc. an independent, self-help action group funded and programmed by the membership, was founded in 1958 and incorporated in the State of Michigan. The Association assists local groups in organizing autonomous chapters which initiate the part or parts of the NAPH national program that seem most urgently needed in their particular community. NAPH programs include the promotion of National Employ the Handicapped Week which highlights the achievements of successfully employed physically handicapped persons.

In addition, the Association has prepared a Bill of Rights for the Physically Handicapped. A priority project of NAPH is its NAPH Farm-Home, Inc., a plan to help provide wheelchair accessible rental housing in a village complex specially designed for the mobility limited. The pilot project complex will be developed on 25 acres of land in Eastern New York State which is being donated to NAPH Farm-Home.

Membership in NAPH is prerequisite to membership in NAPH Farm-Home, Inc.

NAPH is a member of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and the National Congress of Organizations of the Physically Handicapped. A national convention is sponsored annually. For information, contact the business office at the above address.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES
FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED
6269 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22044
PHONE: 703-536-3311

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Developmental disabilities, which include mental retardation, cerebral palsy, autism and epilepsy; also other handicaps usually connected with developmental disabilities.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Association of Private Residential Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (NAPRFMR) is directly concerned with all "out-of-home" living situations, that is, residential facilities, community based living units, hostels, foster homes and any form of residential service delivered by nongovernmental agents; and shares concern with other organizations for the total array of services necessary for the fulfillment of other human needs. Goals of NAPRFMR include to establish and maintain: 1) high quality private residential services for the disabled individual through developmental programs which foster independence and 2) the viability of private residential facilities for developmentally disabled persons as a recognized, integrated component of the national and State service network.

The Association collects and disseminates information on: 1) housing, specifically on programs in private residential facilities for developmentally disabled persons, 2) income maintenance/security and 3) insurance programs for facilities. Information is strong in the areas of placement for developmentally disabled persons and government activities for private providers of residential facilities.

SERVICES: The Association provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, 5) distributes the organization's newsletter and 6) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf. Lay persons are also permitted on-site use of the Association's holdings. Also available are reports of studies conducted by the Association. A survey of private out-of-home placement and services will soon be completed. Membership studies have dealt with such topics as: 1) ability to use the Housing and Community Development Act, 2) facility experience with labor unions and 3) fire evacuation procedures. The Association publishes an annual directory of members useful for referral purposes.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association. Most frequent inquirers are persons seeking out-of-home placement. Active Membership is open to any State or locally approved facility or home serving primarily developmentally disabled persons. Associate Membership is open to any interested person, organization or facility not qualifying for Active Membership.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Nonmembers must pay a subscription fee for the newsletter. Membership fees vary. The charge for the directory is \$5.00 per copy.

Notes: The National Association of Private Residential Facilities for the Mentally Retarded was organized at the annual meeting of the American Association on Mental Deficiency in 1970 by a group of administrators of private facilities for developmentally disabled persons.

The Association conducts annual conferences aimed at providers of private residential services. It also offers comprehensive insurance protection for member facilities.

NAPRFMR maintains a modest library of books, journals, brochures, newsletters and other materials dealing with developmental disabilities and residential programs.

For information, write or call the Association at the above address.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS
2709 Avenue E East
Arlington, TX 76011
PHONE: 817-261-4961

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental retardation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Association for Retarded Citizens (NARC) is devoted to improving the welfare of all mentally retarded individuals in addition to fostering research into the causes and prevention of mental retardation. NARC works on the local, State and national level; it provides help to parents, individuals, organizations and communities in jointly solving problems caused by mental retardation.

The Association has general information about mental retardation, as well as information in the following areas: 1) education, including formal education of mentally retarded individuals and education of personnel dealing with them, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the mentally retarded employee and employment of personnel dealing with mentally retarded persons, 3) housing, 4) psycho-social services, 5) income maintenance/security, 6) recreation/physical education, 7) activities of daily living, 8) equipment/special devices/aids, 9) civil rights/ legislation, 10) religion (i.e. Congregational awareness material) and 11) research.

SERVICES: The Association provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) provides films or other audiovisuals, 6) sends the organization's newsletter, 7) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 8) permits on-site use of its holdings.

Individual bibliographies, indexes or abstracts are also prepared for certain professional requests. Local chapters in many areas sponsor direct services such as day camps, sheltered workshops, special classes and preschool programs, and transportation programs.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. There is a charge for the organization's newsletter, for the preparation of individual bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and for multiple copies of brochures and previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts.

Notes: The National Association for Retarded Citizens was organized in 1950 as the National Association for Retarded Children by a group of parents and friends of mentally retarded children. It changed its name in 1974 to signify its role in providing assistance to retarded persons of all ages. There are currently over 1900 State and local chapters of NARC.

NARC sponsors a number of special projects to help improve the quality of life for mentally retarded citizens. The goal of NARC's Child Advocacy project is to develop a nationwide system of citizen advocacy programs for mentally retarded persons. Presently, the Project's major thrust involves the provision of technical assistance to model citizen advocacy programs in NARC's six regions. In 1972, through the action of a local unit of NARC, the Council for the Retarded of St. Joseph's County, Inc. (Indiana), NARC became the founder and sponsor of the Center for Law and the Handicapped. This Center's mission is to guarantee the rights of mentally retarded persons (see separate entry for additional information).

An important outgrowth of the Association is its youth NARC division. Youth NARC is a service-oriented organization for young people 13 through 25. The 600 local units of Youth NARC focus primarily on providing direct assistance to mentally retarded individuals. Youth NARC also works in the areas of public education, career motivation, governmental affairs and leadership development.

NARC's Research Department in conjunction with the Research Advisory Committee administers grants for innovative studies on the prevention of mental retardation and on the improvement of the daily lives of mentally retarded persons. The department also conducts research studies through grants obtained from outside funding sources. Priority research areas include preventive biomedical and preventive behavioral research, home training methods, organization dynamics and alternative residential facilities. In addition, NARC also has a Research and Demonstration Institute which formulates program concepts to better meet the daily activity needs of mentally retarded individuals, and investigates the causes of mental retardation. NARC played a prominent role in initiating the Accreditation Council for Services for Mentally Retarded and Other Developmentally Disabled Persons and continues to take an active part in its activities.

The Association's library consists of approximately 220 books and bound journals, files of documents and pamphlets, a historical collection of minutes, annual reports, convention programs and other similar materials and files of unbound reports, reprints and other source material. The collection covers the broad, programmatic and developmental aspects of mental retardation and other related areas.

Information can be obtained by writing the national headquarters.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR VISUALLY HANDICAPPED

305 E. 24th Street

17-C

New York, NY 10010

PHONE: 212-889-3141

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Partial vision, defined as visual acuity of 20/60 or less in the better eye, with the best possible spectacle correction.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Association for Visually Handicapped (NAVH) is a national voluntary health agency solely devoted to serving the partially seeing.

Activities of the Association include: 1) printing and distributing large print textbooks, testing material and books for pleasure reading, 2) offering youth group programs, including crafts, cultural, educational and social activities and "rap sessions", 3) sponsoring parent discussion groups for the parents of partially seeing children, led by appropriate professionals, to examine and counsel on the problems of raising a partially seeing child, 4) sponsoring adult discussion groups, led by psychiatric social workers, 5) serving as a clearinghouse of information for all services available to the partially seeing from public and private sources, 6) disseminating information on optical aids available through commercial sources and referring individuals to local low vision centers, 7) offering counsel and advice to the adult partially seeing population and to families of the partially seeing aged, 8) cooperating with senior citizen centers, hospitals and institutions caring for the elderly partially seeing, 9) distributing, free of charge, brochures and informational material concerning the problems encountered by the partially seeing, 10) publishing periodic newsletters for youths and adults, 11) maintaining a free loan library of large print books published by NAVH and commercial publishers and 12) serving as a consulting agency to the professional and paraprofessional on all needs of the partially seeing.

SERVICES: Services of NAVH include: 1) referring individuals to local public and private agencies offering the type of assistance needed, 2) serving as advocate for partially seeing individuals to Federal, State and local government agencies, 3) offering Youth Group programs in San Francisco and New York which include varied social, cultural, educational and recreational activities, 4) offering Parent Discussion Groups regularly in San Francisco and New York, 5) offering an Adult Discussion

Group in San Francisco and planning to offer one in New York shortly, 6) holding Annual Public Awareness Programs in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York for the education of the partially seeing and the general public to the needs and problems of the partially seeing, 7) offering guidance and expertise to individuals throughout the country in setting up local programs, such as youth groups, parent discussion groups, adult discussion groups and Public Awareness programs. The Association also answers lay and professional inquiries by phone or letter and sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets on request.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request any service from NAVH. Fees: All information and services are provided free of charge. A contribution to help defray costs is sought, where possible; however, ability to pay is not a criterion for receiving services.

Notes: The national headquarters is at 305 E. 24th Street, New York, New York 10010. The Northern California Regional Office is at 3201 Balboa Street, San Francisco, California 94121, and the Southern California Regional Office is at 5967 W. Third Street, Los Angeles, California 90036.

NATIONAL BRAILLE ASSOCIATION
85 Godwin Avenue
Midland, NJ 07432
PHONE: 201-447-1484

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Braille Association (NBA) is an organization of volunteer and professional workers with the visually impaired. It was formed to: 1) provide a communicating service for persons involved in educational service to the visually impaired, 2) advance, provide and coordinate volunteer services in the production, distribution and use of books and reading materials in all media, that is, braille, recordings and large type and 3) conduct experimental research into specific codes for the blind and appropriate printed matter for the partially seeing.

The Association's activities support the education of blind students through the production of braille textbooks and other educational materials. The Association is also involved in the education of transcribers and others engaged in the production of specialized materials.

SERVICES: NBA provides direct service to braille readers through the Braille Book Bank and the Reader-Transcriber Registry. The Braille Book Bank provides thermoform duplicates of textbooks upon order to college and graduate students. The collection is maintained at approximately 1500 titles which have been hand-transcribed by volunteers. It includes a music collection and the Braille Technical Tables Bank consisting of more than 300 of the most frequently used mathematical, statistical and technical tables.

The BRAILLE BOOK BANK CATALOG is available on request in print or braille. The Reader-Transcriber Registry brings together adult braille readers with materials they wish to have transcribed and certified braillists who are willing to work for them. It is intended to meet needs for materials that do not fall into any of the usual categories of educational or recreational reading materials.

NBA provides assistance to transcribers, educators and administrators by providing information with regard to current format, transcription codes and practices. In addition to its program of workshops, NBA has published manuals and/or handbooks in the areas of tape recording, large-type transcribing, administration of groups producing reading materials for visually handicapped persons and braille music.

NBA disseminates information related to its activities by providing the following services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) sends the Association's BULLETIN.

Age: The direct services of the organization are for college students and other adults in need of transcribed materials.

User Eligibility: NBA is a membership organization; however, information services are available to any lay or professional inquirer. Blind students and volunteer transcribers are the most frequent users of the service. Fees: Information services are provided free; fees are charged for purchase of materials from the BRAILLE BOOK BANK CATALOG.

Notes: The National Braille Association is a national group without local units; its members work through philanthropic, religious and service groups in their own communities. The Association sponsors biennial conferences of workshops and exhibits in various cities at the invitation of local transcribing groups. Regional membership meetings are held annually and feature workshops geared to local needs and interests.

NBA is a sponsor of the Braille Authority of the United States and a sponsoring member of National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

For information, write the national office at the above address.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION Special Education Department
4472 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108
PHONE: 314-533-3454

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sensory impairments in general, communicative impairments in general, mental retardation, learning disabilities, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis and muscular dystrophies.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Special Education Department coordinates and promotes all of the educational activities of the Church which relate in any way to the education, training and care of handicapped children and youths. In addition, the Department conducts a Guidance Center which provides psychological evaluations and child and parental counseling relative to the problems of mental retardation, major learning difficulties and minor emotional disturbances. The Department also provides educational placements and maintains a preschool, day classes, St. Mary's Special School, St. Joseph's Vocational Center and religious instruction for children in non-Catholic schools.

SERVICES: The Department of Special Education provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

The DIRECTORY OF CATHOLIC SPECIAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND ADULTS, published by NCEA in Washington, D.C., is also an important information source. The Department also publishes the SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWSLETTER, a digest of many other newsletters, periodicals, government reports and other materials of particular interest to special educators; this is available to members only.

User Eligibility: Although NCEA is a membership organization, any lay or professional person may request information from the Department of Special Education.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Charges are made for membership, which includes newsletter subscription and publications.

Notes: The National Catholic Education Association was founded in 1904 and is a religious education association of and for professional educators. Its headquarters is located in Washington, DC.

The Department of Special Education is located in St. Louis, Missouri and is administered by the Right Reverend Monseigneur Elmer B. Behrmann, Ph.D. Msgr. Behrmann receives most of the important journals in special education and has built an information service in this area. The Department is affiliated with other service agencies, including the Archdiocese of St. Louis and its many special education programs. Referrals are frequently made to these affiliates.

For information regarding special education, contact the Department directly at the above address. Other questions on Catholic education should be directed to the National Catholic Education Association, One Dupont Circle, Suite 350, Washington, D.C. 20036; phone 202-293-5954.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC OFFICE OF THE DEAF
3112 Seventh Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20017
PHONE: 202-234-4154

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments, deaf-blind and communicative impairments and learning disabilities resulting from loss or impairment of hearing.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of the National Catholic Office of the Deaf is to serve the religious needs of the Catholic hearing handicapped. It provides teaching materials for religious education and organizes training programs for hearing impaired individuals, teachers and parents. The Office serves as a clearinghouse for information relating to the religious education of hearing impaired persons.

SERVICES: The Office answers requests for information by phone or letter and organizes and conducts workshops, community weeks and leadership weeks all of which provide orientation and training in work with hearing impaired persons.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Office.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The National Catholic Office of the Deaf has only recently been headquartered in Washington, D.C. For information about activities contact the Office at the above address.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR A BARRIER FREE ENVIRONMENT
8401 Connecticut Avenue #402
Washington, DC 20015
PHONE: 703-620-2731

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Center for a Barrier Free Environment was organized to provide a national focus on programs to develop an accessible environment for disabled and mobility restricted persons. Working with and through its members, the Center provides a central reference point and coordinating agency for national organizations, government agencies, local groups and individuals concerned with eliminating the barriers that prevent disabled Americans from making full use of the man-made environment. Programs of the Center include: 1) operating a national clearinghouse of information for professional designers, legislators and code officials, volunteers, disabled people, employers of handicapped workers and concerned citizens, 2) assisting businesses, academic institutions and others directed by recent Federal and State legislation to provide accessible facilities for all people,

3) providing assistance to public agencies and private concerns with authority or influence to accelerate removal of barriers, 4) initiating and assisting in drafting model legislation codes and regulations and 5) communicating through Center publications timely reports on activities and developments across the nation.

SERVICES: The Center provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes and abstracts. Any inquirer may also request single copies of the Center's newsletter, REPORT, which contains information on activities and developments in barrier-free design across the nation.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Center. Any individual or organization concerned with environmental barriers may become a member.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Fees vary for membership depending on the class of membership desired.

Notes: The National Center for a Barrier Free Environment was established in 1974 as the result of the national policy drafted by the 1974 National Conference on Barrier Free Design, which called for a central organization to coordinate the national drive to make America free of physical barriers. Founding members of the Center included: 1) American Institute of Architects, 2) Disabled American Veterans, 3) Gallaudet College, 4) Goodwill Industries of America, Inc., 5) National Congress of Organizations of the Physically Handicapped, 6) National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, 7) National Paraplegia Foundation, 8) National Rehabilitation Association, 9) Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc. and 10) President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. Membership dues provide the primary source of funds for operating the Center. For information, contact Margaret Milner at the above address.

National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

See: HELEN KELLER NATIONAL CENTER FOR DEAF-BLIND YOUTHS AND ADULTS

NATIONAL CENTER FOR LAW AND THE DEAF
Gallaudet College
Florida Avenue & Seventh Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002
PHONE: 202-447-0445

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Center for Law and the Deaf (NCLD) develops and provides legal representation, legal services, legal

information and legal education opportunities to the deaf and hearing impaired community. NCLD also serves as a national center for the initiation of legislation and legal actions benefiting the entire class of deaf and hearing impaired citizens. The Center's information clearinghouse gathers and distributes information about legal and law-related problems associated with deafness and about attempts to solve them, with concentration in the following areas: 1) employment of deaf individuals, including the legal right of deaf persons to employment, 2) income maintenance/security, including insurance discrimination and special tax benefits for deaf persons and 3) civil rights/legislation. The clearinghouse also maintains information on court decisions and agency actions.

SERVICES: NCLD provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 5) sends the Center's NEWSLETTER, which has information on the activities of the deaf community, its legal involvement and the laws and other class action suits which may support the cause of helping deaf people gain their legal rights.

In addition to providing information, NCLD offers other services. Through its Legal Action and Advocacy program, the Center drafts and lobbies for national and local legislation; files legal petitions for rule-making and legal comments and briefs at the administrative agencies of the government; and initiates and involves itself in administrative and judicial proceedings. NCLD also conducts educational workshops before deaf and hearing impaired groups to inform them about their legal rights and assists deaf and hearing impaired individuals in preparing for legal careers, applying for and gaining admission to law schools and in successfully becoming lawyers. In Washington, D.C., NCLD operates a legal counseling and services clinic where deaf and hearing individuals of that area receive free advice, assistance and representation in solving legal and law-related problems.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Center. Direct services are provided to attorneys representing the interests of deaf individuals and to deaf or hearing impaired individuals.

Fees: All information and direct services are provided free of charge.

Notes: The National Center for Law and the Deaf, a joint venture of Gallaudet College and the National Law Center of George Washington University, was established in 1975. It is funded by a grant from the Office of Education, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

For information or assistance, write NCLD; the Center may also be contacted by voice or TTY using the above phone number.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR LAW AND THE HANDICAPPED
1235 N. Eddy Street
South Bend, IN 46617
PHONE: 219-288-4751

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Center for Law and the Handicapped (NCLH) was established to protect and insure equal protection under the law for all handicapped individuals in our country through provision of legal assistance, legal and social science research activities and programs and processes of public education and professional awareness. Assistance for disabled individuals is provided through direct legal intervention in selected cases and indirectly through consultation with attorneys, organizations and individuals considering or involved in questions of law and the handicapped. NCLH has been admitted to serve in court cases in the capacity of counsel and co-counsel, but primarily serves in an amicus curiae (friend of the court) role. The NCLH legal and social science staff also provides assistance to attorneys and legislators working in areas involving handicapped individuals through consultation, legal research and the drafting of model pleadings and briefs. To facilitate legal reform and to allow a fuller realization of the legal rights of handicapped individuals, the Center provides general information about disabling conditions; the Center's activities also focus on the legal aspects of the following areas: 1) employment of handicapped individuals, including the legal right to fair employment opportunities, 2) housing, 3) transportation, 4) treatment and 5) education and all areas of substantive and procedural due process affecting the handicapped. In addition, the Center has information and programs dealing with the legal education of personnel working with disabled persons and on civil rights and legislation.

SERVICES: NCLH provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, including legal memoranda for attorneys, in response to certain individual requests and 6) sends the organization's newsletter. The Center's bimonthly publication, AMICUS, is also an important information source.

It is designed to monitor and report developments in the law as they relate to the rights of handicapped individuals, specifically court cases and legislation. AMICUS is disseminated to both the legal and lay public at no cost.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NCLH. Frequent inquirers are attorneys and others involved in the legal aspects of services to handicapped individuals.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The National Center for Law and the Handicapped was established in 1972 and has been jointly funded by the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped, Office of Education and by the Office of Developmental Disabilities, Office of Human Development of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

A paramount objective of NCLH is providing education about disabilities and heightening the awareness of professionals to the problems of handicapped individuals. To this end, members of the NCLH professional staff have been active participants in State and national conferences, seminars and workshops, research activities of the NCLH legal and social science staff have been broad-based and multidisciplinary in nature. They have been designed to facilitate legal reform and to allow a fuller realization of the legal rights of handicapped individuals. The Center maintains an active clinical intern program with the University of Notre Dame/Notre Dame Law School to train advocates in the emerging field of law and the handicapped. NCLH is also concerned with the establishment and development of similar programs in other law schools, as well as formation of legal advocacy programs in various communities, and the Center actively seeks to support them with any of the Center's various professional resources.

Requests for information should be submitted in writing to the above address and the assistance needed described in as much detail as possible.

NATIONAL CLEARING HOUSE OF REHABILITATION MATERIALS

Oklahoma State University

Stillwater, OK 74074

PHONE: 405-624-6030

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Clearing House of Rehabilitation Materials (NCHRM) is part of the Rehabilitation Counselor Training Program at Oklahoma State University. Its mission is to disseminate selected materials (principally training materials), such as abstracts, monographs, articles, final reports, booklets, audiotapes, videotapes and slide presentations in wide subject categories to professionals in rehabilitation, especially rehabilitation counselors. The Clearing House originates some materials. NCHRM provides information (through its materials) in the following areas: 1) general information on disabling conditions, 2) education and training of personnel working with handicapped individuals, 3) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training and rights, hiring regulations and special needs of handicapped employees, 4) health, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 5) psycho-social services, 6) income maintenance/security, 7) recreation/physical education, 8) activities of daily living, 9) equipment/special devices/aids, 10) civil rights/legislation and 11) research. The Clearing House does not

engage in research but disseminates research reports generated by Research and Training Centers and Regional Rehabilitation Research Institutes. Materials are strongly supportive of the work of the rehabilitation counselor. Some topics covered are rehabilitation counselor performance, caseload management and placement training for counselors.

SERVICES: The Clearing House provides the following information services to professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) provides films or other audiovisuals, 6) sends the organization's newsletter, 7) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 8) prepares bibliographies, abstracts or indexes in response to certain individual requests.

The Clearing House publishes and distributes a quarterly CLEARING HOUSE MEMO which lists items currently available from the Clearing House and from other sources. Materials are sent gratis or on loan, depending on availability.

User Eligibility: Information services of NCHRM are designed to meet the needs of professionals, researchers, rehabilitation counselors and educators; NCHRM is not currently staffed to respond to inquiries from the general public. Counselor educators and staff development and training officers in State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies use the services most frequently. The MEMO mailing list is restricted to the individuals mentioned above.

Fees: Materials placed with the Clearing House for distribution, or originated by it, are disseminated free of charge. Fees are sometimes charged for loan of films or other audiovisuals.

Notes: The National Clearing House for Rehabilitation Materials began providing services to professionals in 1962; since 1972 it has operated on separate funding from the Rehabilitation Counselor Training Program at Oklahoma State University, though it remains part of that program.

Professionals in the field are encouraged to alert the Clearing House to newly developed materials. The MEMO will list the material and the address where it may be requested; if provided with multiple copies of materials, the Clearing House will distribute or loan them, as requested.

NCHRM is involved in a special project to provide training media for State rehabilitation agency staff development and training officers. This project is entitled the "U Share Exchange" and encourages trainers to share materials found to be effective in the training of rehabilitation professionals.

For information, contact the Coordinator at the above address.

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF JEWISH DEAF
9102 Edmonston Court, No. 302
Greenbelt, MD 20770
PHONE: 301-345-8612

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purposes of the National Congress of Jewish Deaf (NCJD) are to: 1) aid in the growth and preservation of religious spirit in Jewish deaf, 2) foster fellowship among Jewish deaf, 3) promote cultural growth in keeping with Jewish ideals, 4) maintain among the deaf the warmth and the traditions of the Jewish home, 5) instill among young Jewish deaf a sense of oneness in the faith of their fathers, 6) develop closer relations and understanding between Jews and non-Jews and 7) establish an endowment fund to promote attainment of the organization's ideals. The Congress also: 8) actively engages in recruiting rabbis to minister to the deaf, 9) provides grants to tutor the language of signs to rabbis and for religious work within the affiliates, 10) conducts orientation seminars and workshops, 11) assists affiliates and in religious classes, 12) publishes a prayer book and other publications, 13) supports a youth camp program and 14) participates in civic, government, ecumenical and international projects, such as the World Congress of Jewish Deaf in Israel in 1977.

SERVICES: The Congress provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 5) sends the organization's newsletter.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Congress. Information is specifically tailored to satisfy the needs of the general public, who are the most frequent inquirers.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The National Congress of the Jewish Deaf was established in New York City in July 1956. It currently has 12 affiliates nationwide as well as individual members.

For information, contact the Congress at the above address. The listed phone number is a TTY number.

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF ORGANIZATIONS OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, INC.
7611 Oakland Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55423
PHONE: 612-861-2162

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All physical handicaps.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The primary purpose of the National Congress of Organizations of the Physically Handicapped (NCOPH) is to act as an

umbrella organization for 45 member organizations of physically handicapped persons on the national, State and local levels. The Congress supports these member organizations by advising them in their daily operations, by coordinating the efforts of member organizations and by representing these organizations at the national and State levels through its councils on the physically handicapped. In addition, the Congress provides general information about physical handicaps, as well as information or referral in the following areas: 1) education, including education of handicapped individuals and education of personnel serving them, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the handicapped employee and employment of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 3) health, including prevention of disease, diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 4) psycho-social services, 5) activities of daily living and 6) civil rights/legislation, with emphasis on new laws affecting handicapped individuals. NCOPH also acts as a clearinghouse and library for publications by or about physically handicapped persons. Some of these publications are the 125 periodicals published by member organizations and their affiliates.

SERVICES: The Congress acts as a referral agency in most areas; however, certain information services are provided to any lay, professional or organizational inquirer. These services include: 1) response to inquiries by letter, 2) referral to other information centers, primarily to the Congress' member organizations, 3) distribution of brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets on request and 4) distribution of the organization's newsletter on request. Lay inquirers are referred to direct service providers when necessary.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Congress; however, the services are of primary value to organizations of physically handicapped persons. Information is provided to nonmembers on a limited basis; services other than information are generally restricted to members.

Fees: There is a charge for the newsletter; other information is provided free of charge. Membership fees are \$10.00 or less depending on the size of the organization.

Notes: For information, contact the Executive Secretary at the above address.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM
733 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017
PHONE: 212-986-4433

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Alcoholism.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The primary objectives of the National Council on Alcoholism (NCA) are to create: 1) a nationwide public awareness of

alcoholism as a major health problem, 2) community support for programs (both referral and direct service) to deal with alcoholism and 3) national, State and community support for voluntary movements in the alcoholism field. To this end, NCA provides general information about alcoholism as well as information in the following areas relative to the disease: 1) education and training of personnel dealing with alcoholism, 2) employment, particularly information for labor and management on the importance of alcoholism as a major employee health problem and on programs in industry for alcoholism, 3) health, including prevention and treatment of alcoholism and maintenance of the rehabilitated alcoholic, 4) research on all aspects of the disease and 5) psycho-social services available. Information is particularly strong on the medical aspects of the disease.

NCA also supports and promotes prevention and control efforts at all levels and branches of government; encourages the resources of medicine toward effective prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the disease; provides technical assistance to NCA membership organizations and resource service to community agencies and planners; and identifies and defines the social, cultural and medical issues which impact on women and alcoholism and strives to develop specific women-oriented programs to deal with them.

SERVICES: NCA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) sends the organization's newsletter and 6) permits on-site use of its holdings, which include over 2,000 medical journals, books and government reports devoted exclusively to alcoholism housed in the Yvelin Gardner National Alcoholism Reference Library.

The NCA Publications Department stocks and distributes more than 100 special books and pamphlets on alcoholism. A publications list is available on request.

User Eligibility: NCA is a membership organization; however, any lay or professional person may request information. Frequent inquirers include medical personnel, students, educators, alcoholics and the general public. Library use is available to serious scholars by appointment with the Librarian.

Fees: Much of NCA's information is provided free of charge. Fees are levied for previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and for NCA's newsletter.

Notes: The National Council on Alcoholism was founded in 1944 and establishes member organizations throughout the country. There are currently 130 members located in various cities, each having its own volunteer Board of Directors and operating within the policies of NCA. All affiliated members serve the communities in which they are located without charge, and all sustain a continuing program which includes the operation of an alcoholism information center. Among the major activities of the member organizations are community

education as well as information and referral service for alcoholics and families of alcoholics. NCA provides special programs for this purpose and program activities for courts, welfare departments, clergy and family agencies.

NCA also has two medical components. In 1973, the American Medical Society on Alcoholism (AMSA) became the medical component of NCA to: 1) serve as a meeting ground for physicians interested in the problem of alcohol and other addictive disorders, 2) extend knowledge in these fields, 3) promote dissemination of that knowledge and 4) enlighten and direct public opinion in regard to these problems. The National Nurses Society on Alcoholism (NNSA) is a nationwide organization composed of nurses interested in the problem of alcoholism and is a counterpart of AMSA.

An NCA invitation has led 21 organizations to form the National Coalition for Adequate Alcoholism Programs. The Coalition supports alcoholism program support as a separate entity and plans to build public support for the effective development and implementation of national and local alcoholism programs.

For information, contact the Public Information Office at the above address.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HOMEMAKER--HOME HEALTH AID SERVICES, INC.
67 Irving Place
New York, NY 10003
PHONE: 212-674-4990

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The goal of the National Council for Homemaker-Home Health Aide Services is to make services available in all sections of the nation to help individuals and families in all economic brackets when there are disruptions due to illness, disability, social and other problems, or where there is need to enhance the quality of daily life. The objectives of the Council are to: 1) establish and help implement basic standards for the service, 2) interpret the service to legislators and government agencies and keep member agencies informed of major legislative and regulatory developments, 3) provide technical assistance to agencies providing the service and to communities establishing it, 4) interpret the need for quality services to the general public and special groups, 5) coordinate services with other health and social services, 6) act as an information and referral service and 7) promote needed research.

The Council provides information on homemaker-home health aide services to all persons requesting it. Research information includes cost and management information and reports of various projects including projects sponsored by local agencies on use of aide services with the developmentally disabled.

SERVICES: The Council provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter,

2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 3) provides films or other audiovisuals and 4) sends the Council's newsletter. Lay inquirers are referred to other information centers or direct services providers when necessary. Professionals are also sent previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and similar materials prepared in response to certain individual requests. A listing of homemaker-home health aide services in any given State is available to anyone requesting it; however, the Council does not vouch for the quality of the services listed except for those which it has approved as being in substantial conformity with basic national standards. The latter are listed in the DIRECTORY OF HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES, INC. The Council has prepared publications of particular interest to disabled persons and professionals working with them. Some of these papers are entitled: 1) HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES FOR FAMILIES WITH A MENTALLY RETARDED MEMBER, 2) HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES FOR THE HANDICAPPED and 3) HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. A publications and visual aids list is available on request.

User Eligibility: Although the Council is a membership organization, any lay or professional person may request information. Personnel of agencies providing services and families seeking aide resources in their communities are the most frequent inquirers.

Fees: Most information, with the exception of films and books, is provided free of charge. Members may borrow library materials free; others pay a per use fee. Notes: The National Council for Homemaker-Home Health Aide Services was established in 1962 by the National Health Council and the National Social Welfare Assembly. Membership is open to agencies providing homemaker-home health aide services in accordance with the Council's standards and to organizations, corporations and individuals interested in supporting the Council's purposes.

Since 1972, the Council has operated an agency approval program based on standards developed by the Council. It interprets legislation for its membership and when invited, presents expert testimony before appropriate congressional committees. Direct consultation and information are provided to member agencies and those seeking approval.

The Council sponsors workshops, institutes and seminars independently and in cooperation with other organizations. It is a member of the National Assembly of National Health and Social Welfare Organizations and an associate member of the National Health Council.

For information, write the Council at the above address.

NATIONAL EASTER SEAL SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN AND ADULTS
2023 W. Ogden Avenue
Chicago, IL 60612
PHONE: 312-243-8400

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All physical handicaps with emphasis on sensory impairments, communicative impairments, musculoskeletal/ortho-

pedic conditions, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries, stroke, autism and learning disabilities.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults (NESSCCA) is the nation's largest and oldest voluntary health agency providing direct rehabilitation services to the disabled persons. The Society conducts a nationwide program of treatment, education and research. Some 2,000 facilities and programs, organized on a State basis and in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, provide direct Services. The national headquarters provides consultation services, professional staff training, advocacy efforts and public education services, and operates the Easter Seal Research Foundation. Information is provided in the following areas: 1) general information about handicapping conditions, 2) education, including the formal education of handicapped individuals and the education and training of personnel dealing with them, 3) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training and the rights, hiring regulations or special needs of handicapped employees, 4) housing, 5) transportation, 6) health, including prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, 7) psycho-social services, 8) recreation/physical education, 9) activities of daily living, 10) equipment/special devices/ aids, 11) civil rights/legislation and 12) barrier-free design.

SERVICES: NESSCCA maintains an Information Center at its national headquarters which provides extensive information to the general public, handicapped persons and professionals. The Society provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies and checklists, 5) sends the organization's newsletter, 6) prepares bibliographies, abstracts or indexes in response to certain individual requests and 7) permits on-site use of the Library's holdings. Lay and handicapped persons are also provided with referral services to direct service providers.

In addition to these services, the Society engages in a publications program coordinated by the Information Center and distributes a wide variety of pamphlets, reprints and other publications directed to both lay and professional audiences. The PUBLICATIONS CATALOG is available upon request and is strong in the following areas: advocacy, barrier-free design, careers, minimal brain dysfunction, occupational therapy, recreation and camping and stroke. The Society also publishes a monthly interdisciplinary journal, REHABILITATION LITERATURE. Reprints of original articles are available for distribution.

Age: The Society provides information about all age groups; however, the emphasis is on the handicapped child.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional inquirer may request information from NESSCCA. Most frequent users of the information services are professionals, students, parents of handicapped children and handicapped persons.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge; however, fees are charged for some publications.

Notes: The Society, founded in Elyria, Ohio in 1919, has been known as the Ohio Society for Crippled Children, the National Society for Crippled Children and the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Its present name was adopted in 1967.

NESSCCA is a federation of some 2,000 separately incorporated affiliates organized on State and local levels. Direct services are provided through local affiliates; these services are described in the annual publication DIRECTORY OF EASTER SEAL DIRECT SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED.

In their role as advocates for handicapped persons, NESSCCA staff members respond to congressional requests for information and present testimony before congressional committees. Through involvement with parent and self-help groups, the Society works to improve the environment of handicapped persons, particularly in the areas of education, employment, housing and removal of architectural and transportation barriers. The Society has worked closely with the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on the development of housing standards. The new standards will update existing barriers standards for public buildings and expand them to include living units.

The Easter Seal Research Foundation awards grants to universities, medical schools, hospitals and other research institutions to finance investigation in fields directly relating to the needs of their clients. Typical areas of investigation are: 1) the interaction of handicapped children with their parents and siblings and 2) the effects of a camping experience on the handicapped child.

The Easter Seal Library and Information Center houses a major collection of informational and educational materials related to handicapped persons. The collection consists of over 4,000 monographs and 40,000 reports, pamphlets, reprints and miscellaneous items arranged by subject in over 100 pamphlet file drawers. The Library regularly receives 600 periodicals, including 250 substantive journals. The resources of the entire collection are utilized in responding to requests for information and photocopies of appropriate materials are distributed without charge.

The Society sponsors a national convention annually in November with sessions tailored to meet the educational need of professionals, consumers and the general public.

For information and publications, write the NESSCCA Information Center at the above address.

NATIONAL EPILEPSY LEAGUE
Six N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60602
PHONE: 312-332-6888

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Epilepsy.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Epilepsy League was organized in 1939 to help individuals with epilepsy cope with all aspects of their disease--social, psychological, vocational as well as physical. Its primary aim is to provide current information on epilepsy to patients and their families. Areas of coverage include: 1) general information about the disease, 2) vocational rehabilitation and training of the epileptic, 3) health, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment and maintenance, 4) psycho-social services, 5) income maintenance/security, 6) activities of daily living, 7) equipment/special devices/aids, 8) civil rights/legislation, 9) education, including the formal education of epileptics and education of personnel dealing with them and 10) research.

SERVICES: A major information service of the League is its patient newsletter, HORIZON. It is sent to approximately 50,000 epileptics and contains articles, job information, reading references and other data about epilepsy. The League also provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) provides films or other audio-visuals, 5) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 6) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests. The League maintains a special Pharmacy Service. Epileptics are encouraged to send their prescriptions for anti-convulsants and other drugs to the League. The Service fills these prescriptions for the epileptic at near wholesale prices.

In addition, the League sponsors insurance programs for epileptics who cannot otherwise get insurance. The League also offers a professional referral service and has a special library of films about convulsions and the problems of epilepsy. These films are shown for parents and schools.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the League. Its services are particularly tailored to meet the needs of the epileptic patient.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. There is a \$1.00 fee for the Pharmacy Service.

Notes: For information, call or write the League at the above address.

NATIONAL EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION
18 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60603
PHONE: 312-726-7866

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The major objective of the National Eye Research Foundation (NERF) is to improve eye care for the general public. To

accomplish this objective, NERF: 1) sponsors research and eye care projects, 2) disseminates knowledge gained from important studies, experiments and original theses through its magazine CONTACTO, 3) encourages the exchange of ideas through a variety of meetings and congresses held each year for its professional membership, 4) provides public information programs to radio and TV stations to educate the public in proper eye care and 5) encourages cooperation among the professions to advance technical knowledge to all practitioners. SERVICES: The Foundation provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 3) provides films or other audiovisuals. Lay inquirers are also referred to other information centers or direct service providers when necessary. NERF's bi-monthly magazine, CONTACTO, is a professional information source.

User Eligibility: NERF is primarily a professional membership organization; however, any lay or professional person may request information.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Fees are charged for membership.

Notes: The National Eye Research Foundation was founded in 1956 by Dr. Newton K. Wesley and Dr. George N. Jessen. It is composed of over 2,700 optometrists, ophthalmologists, opticians, scientists, manufacturers, teachers, students and laypersons interested in better eye care.

For information, contact the Foundation at the above address.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION OF DENTISTRY FOR THE HANDICAPPED
1121 Broadway
Suite 5
Boulder, CO 80302
PHONE: 303-443-7920

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Developmental disabilities, including cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism and mental retardation, and physical and geriatric disabilities.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped (NFDH) is committed to improving the dental delivery system for handicapped and elderly populations throughout the country. The provision of comprehensive (preventive and corrective) dental care, to disabled individuals of all ages, requires community-based systemization of services and coordination of resources. Therefore, the Foundation seeks involvement of dental practitioners, parodontal personnel, organizations dedicated to aiding and caring for handicapped and elderly individuals and philanthropic organizations. NFDH is available as a source of information to all interested persons and organizations, with the exception of career placement services.

SERVICES: NFDH provides the following information services to lay inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) when appropriate, assists individuals in securing needed treatment through the Foundation's referral service, 3) when appropriate, refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 4) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf. Professionals are responded to by letter and sent brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. Films and other audiovisuals are also available for the general public and professionals.

One of the Foundation's major activities is the Campaign of Concern, which is designed to decrease future dental needs by controlling the incidence of oral disease among handicapped persons. This preventive outreach program is based on a model project operating in Colorado and is being replicated in other areas of the country through local coordinating units of the NFDH. The program operates at schools, sheltered workshops, residential facilities, and nursing homes, with instruction and supervision provided to the facilities' personnel by NFDH hygienists. A daily oral hygiene protocol is accompanied by annual screening evaluation to detect pathology in its incipient stages of development. Referrals for necessary treatment are made, based on data collected from extensive surveys of communities' dental practitioners and publicly supported clinics. PREVENTIVE DENTAL CARE FOR THE HANDICAPPED CHILD, an audiovisual presentation, is available for use in both film and videotape format. Two other audiovisual presentations are also being developed to instruct dentists and auxiliary personnel in the nature of developmental disabilities, and to sensitize other professionals, parents, and service organizations, to the needs of handicapped individuals for proper dental care.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation. Emphasis is on serving handicapped and elderly people, and on enlisting the involvement of professional and other concerned individuals to improve the dental delivery system for the target population.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Rental fees are charged for audiovisual materials.

Notes: The Academy of Dentistry for the Handicapped incorporated the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped in 1974 as a charitable organization to develop and advance the Campaign of Concern. The program is endorsed by the American Dental Association and national advocacy organizations for the handicapped. The Foundation has developed coordinating units in communities throughout the country to establish preventive dentistry programs, identify dental offices and clinics that provide services to handicapped people, and investigate the availability of resources to assist financially depressed handicapped and homebound people in securing needed services.

For information, contact the Foundation at the above address.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION/MARCH OF DIMES
1275 Mamaroneck Avenue
White Plains, NY 10605
PHONE: 914-428-7100

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Congenital defects and genetic disorders.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The goal of the National Foundation/March of Dimes (NF) is to prevent birth defects resulting from genetic disorders, chromosomal heredity and environment. To achieve this goal, the Foundation sponsors and funds numerous programs in basic and clinical research, medical services, professional and public education and community services aimed at the elimination of birth defects. Specific areas of coverage include: 1) general information about birth defects, 2) the education of personnel dealing with birth defects, 3) health, including prevention of birth defects, diagnostic evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation, 4) psycho-social services, 5) income maintenance/security, 6) civil rights/legislation and 7) research concerning birth defects.

SERVICES: One of the primary objectives of the National Foundation is to provide extensive information on birth defects to the general public and professionals by answering individual inquiries and by sponsoring public and professional education programs. The Foundation routinely provides the following information services to any lay or professional inquirer: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests, 7) provides films or other audiovisuals, 8) sends the organization's newsletter and 9) permits on-site use of the Foundation's library. In addition to these services, the Foundation sponsors many special education and information programs. Through its Professional Education Publications program, the Foundation transmits the latest scientific findings on birth defects to schools of medicine and nursing, university hospitals, medical centers, physicians, nurses and other health professionals. Included in these publications are original articles from symposia sponsored or cosponsored by the Foundation, publications which consolidate data for health professionals in schools, hospitals, research laboratories and private practice and a Reprint Series which provides the professional with reprints of over 200 articles about birth defects which have appeared in journals here and abroad. Also included in the publications program are: 1) the INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY OF GENETIC SERVICES, a comprehensive listing of medical centers in the United States and other countries that provide genetic counseling and sophisticated analyses of special genetic conditions, 2) the BIRTH DEFECTS ATLAS AND COMPENDIUM, the first book to standardize names and descriptions of nearly 850 congenital anomalies and 3) SYNDROME IDENTIFICATION, an international journal on congenital disorders.

The Foundation also sponsors medical conferences and symposia regionally, nationally and internationally and has initiated professional training programs and school health education programs.

The Foundation has developed 16mm color films for use by medical and health personnel, instructors and students. For public broadcast, NF has prepared special materials for radio broadcasting, network television and cable TV. Educational displays and exhibits for use at professional meetings, health fairs, libraries, store windows, health departments and schools are also available. The Foundation funds a considerable amount of research, and produces several publications which provide brief descriptions of research in progress. RESEARCH GRANTS lists grants in three categories of research: 1) basic research, 2) clinical research and 3) Basil O'Connor Starter research, awarded to young M.D.s or Ph.D.s embarking on independent careers in birth defects research. MEDICAL SERVICE PROGRAM GRANTS lists 250 medical service programs funded by the NF to improve delivery of maternal/infant health care, early diagnosis of high-risk pregnancies, intensive care of abnormal or sick newborns, genetic services and treatment of birth defects. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION GRANTS/HEALTH PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS lists grants awarded to support professional education programs for the medical and allied professions and grants awarded to support advanced training of nurses as qualified midwives and nurse clinicians in skilled perinatal care.

Age: The Foundation has information on prevention of prenatal disorders. This includes the time before birth up to the first four weeks of life.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional inquirer may request information from the March of Dimes.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge; however, fees are charged for: 1) previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 2) brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets and 3) films or other audiovisuals.

Special Information Services: The National Foundation is currently in the process of developing a nationwide computer automated information system which will benefit physicians, geneticists, researchers and students. The computer will contain complete and current descriptions and related facts about every known birth defect syndrome to assist in the diagnosis of rare disorders. Upon completion, an inquirer will be able to phone from anywhere in the United States or Canada and receive what will amount to a "consultation" with a suggested diagnosis. The system is being developed by a team of physicians and computer scientists from Tufts New England Medical Center and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, supported by grants from the National Foundation.

Since the spring of 1975, the Foundation has participated in the U.S. Birth Defects Monitoring Program. This Program is a cooperative enterprise of NF, two Federal agencies and the largest hospital case

abstracting service in the country. The objective is rapid identification and prompt investigation of unusual changes in the incidence of certain specific birth defects. NF will also serve as a clearinghouse for the exchange of data generated in birth defect monitoring programs in a number of European nations, Canada and the U.S.

Notes: The National Foundation/March of Dimes was founded in 1938 by Franklin D. Roosevelt as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis with the aim of unifying the fight against poliomyelitis. Since that time, its scope has grown to include all birth defects. The Foundation currently has over 2,500 chapters nationwide, and supports and sponsors numerous clinics, research facilities, programs and grants to researchers and medical students.

The March of Dimes built and largely supports the Salk Institute in San Diego. The Institute is a large laboratory complex staffed by a distinguished group of researchers whose studies focus on molecular genetics, reproductive biology, immunology, virology, the growth of normal and cancerous cells, the central nervous system and the origins of life. The Foundation is also funding a research and education center at Columbia University. Upon completion, the center will centralize birth defects prevention research and education programs at the University. It will be called "The March of Dimes Center for Nutrition, Genetics and Human Development in honor of Dr. Virginia Apgar."

For information, call or write the Foundation at the above address.

NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF
1300 W. Northwest Highway
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
PHONE: 312-392-9282

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf (NFSD) provides low cost life insurance protection to deaf and hearing impaired persons and their families. As a Fraternal Benefit Society, it also engages in benevolent activities aimed at benefitting the community and improving the image of the deaf person.

NFSD provides information in the following areas: 1) education and training of personnel working with the deaf, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training of deaf persons, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the deaf employee and employment of personnel working with deaf persons, 3) psycho-social services, 4) income maintenance/security and 5) civil rights/legislation. The information service is particularly strong in the areas of problems attendant to deafness, such as difficulties in obtaining car insurance.

SERVICES: NFSD offers its membership direct services including insurance counseling and life policies and extends its information services to the general public. The Society provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by

phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets, 4) sends the organization's newsletter and 5) permits on-site use of its library holdings. NFSD will also refer lay inquirers to direct service providers and make inquiries of other organizations on their behalf.

Age: The maximum age for joining NFSD and investing in insurance is 60; there is no minimum age. Information provided concerns all age groups of deaf persons however.

User Eligibility: Although NFSD is a membership organization, any individual may request information.

Fees: All information is provided without charge.

Notes: The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf was founded in 1901 by a group of young deaf adults at the Michigan School for the Deaf and incorporated as a national society in Illinois in 1907. Today, the Society has 126 chapters and is licensed to do business in 36 States and Canada. Membership in the Society is open to adults with hearing impairments. Life insurance is underwritten for juveniles who have a hearing impairment and for hearing children and grandchildren of members.

In addition to providing insurance, continuous efforts are made by the national office to protect the rights of deaf persons to drive cars and obtain auto insurance, to eliminate discrimination in employment and to assure deaf children a good education. Other activities include: 1) cash donations to charitable groups, 2) U.S. Savings Bond awards to the outstanding girl and boy student in each school for the deaf and 3) recognition of outstanding athletes in the form of All-American awards. On the local level, the Society undertakes a wide range of activities including annual toy and clothing contributions, services to residents of Homes for the Aged Deaf, and other similar activities.

The Society maintains the Arthur L. Roberts Memorial Library, named in honor of a past-president. The collection covers most aspects of deafness and is composed of monographs and pamphlets. It is open to the public for reference.

Information about the Society or its programs may be obtained by writing the Society at the above address. When necessary, the Society may be contacted by phone; it also has a TTY hook-up for telephone contact by deaf persons (TTY 312-392-1409).

NATIONAL GENETICS FOUNDATION
250 W. 57th Street
New York, NY 10019
PHONE: 212-265-3166

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All genetic disorders.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Genetics Foundation (NGF) is dedicated to the delivery of the most effective programs of treatment and

genetic counseling for persons afflicted with inherited disorders and to the prevention of genetic disease in the future through programs of education, testing and counseling. To this end, NGF sponsors a network of Genetic Counseling and Treatment Centers located at 53 major medical teaching institutions throughout the United States and Canada and promotes public and professional education.

SERVICES: Since NGF is particularly interested in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of genetic disorders, the primary information service of NGF is to act as a clearinghouse for the Network of Genetic Counseling and Treatment Centers by directing patients or their physicians to the appropriate medical center with the most comprehensive facilities for a particular problem. To facilitate the initial appointment, the NGF professional staff obtains medical background and family history information which is forwarded to the center to which the patient and/or family is referred.

Direct services are provided by the 53 centers located at various medical teaching institutions. The Network offers a multidisciplinary team approach to the diagnosis, treatment and counseling of patients with, or at risk for genetic disease. Each center has trained personnel and sophisticated laboratory facilities to perform diagnostic tests for a variety of genetic diseases, both routine and rare. Patients need not travel long distances to have these tests performed, as the centers actively cooperate with each other and exchange information and material. Often a patient's blood sample or tissue specimen is sent to the center with expertise in a particular area, though the patient is generally counseled at the center closest to his or her home.

In addition to operating the Network and referring patients to the centers, NGF provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter and 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets (mostly describing NGF's operations and programs; generally information about various diseases is not transmitted by mail as genetic counseling must be done on the basis of definitive diagnosis). Pamphlets of interest are: A LISTING OF NEUROLOGICAL AND NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASES THAT HAVE A GENETIC ETIOLOGY and A LISTING OF GENETIC DISEASES FOR WHICH DIAGNOSTIC TESTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE GENETIC COUNSELING AND TREATMENT NETWORK.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NGF.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Fees may be charged for direct services by some centers in the Network.

Notes: The National Genetics Foundation was incorporated in New York in 1953. Its Medical Advisory Board is composed of faculty of the nation's major medical teaching institutions, many of whom have been catalysts in the advancement of research in human genetics.

In addition to providing information on genetic disorders and referral to direct services, NGF has embarked upon a program to identify new and innovative methods for educating physicians to incorporate

genetic medicine into their everyday practice; the community hospital is the focal point of this education program. NGF also addresses itself to the legal, moral and ethical aspects of genetic problems. Symposia are sponsored which bring together leading experts in the areas of medical genetics, law and ethics to deal with the problems facing genetic medicine.

The Genetic Counseling and Treatment Network was founded in early 1970 as a result of a mandate from the physician-scientists in the field of human genetics who participated in a series of conferences, sponsored by NGF with a grant from the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke, to develop methods for delivering research gains in genetics at the clinical level. The centers conduct research into the causes of genetic diseases as well as clinical work.

For information, call or write the Foundation at the above address.

NATIONAL HEARING AID SOCIETY
20361 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, MI 48152
PHONE: 313-478-2610

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Hearing Aid Society (NHAS) was established to: 1) promote the welfare, insofar as hearing is concerned, of hearing impaired individuals, 2) coordinate, promote and advance the programs of the Society, 3) provide a unified voice for those actively and principally engaged in the retail selling and fitting of hearing aids, 4) provide communications among the members of the industry, 5) improve the methods of selling, fitting and using hearing aids and the effectiveness of such aids, 6) establish standards of education, equipment and techniques in the fitting of hearing aids, 7) examine and pass upon the qualifications of all persons who wish to have their competency in the field of fitting hearing aids certified and are permitted to use the title, Certified Hearing Aid Audiologist, 8) sponsor and enforce among its members a code of ethical practices, 9) cooperate with the medical profession and all other ethical, professional groups engaged in aural rehabilitation and 10) promote and encourage an effective industry program of public education as to the benefits of the use of hearing aids.

The Society collects and disseminates information on: 1) the training of hearing aid specialists, 2) hearing health, including prevention of hearing loss, hearing aid evaluation, selection and fitting, rehabilitation and maintenance and 3) equipment, including hearing aids and other devices assistive to hearing. The Society also collects information on hearing aid research. Information is particularly strong in the areas of hearing aid legislation and regulations, education of specialists and consumer information.

SERVICES: NHAS provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2)

refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. Other information sources are the NHAS publications, including an annual membership directory which is used as a reference tool by members of the hearing health team, and a quarterly educational and research journal entitled AUDECIBEL. The Society also produces a number of publications of interest to the professional and lay communities.

User Eligibility: Although NHAS is a membership organization, any lay or professional person may request information. Hearing impaired individuals, professionals, researchers and the general public all routinely request information; the news media is often provided with data for use in articles or programs about hearing loss. NHAS also frequently provides information and consultation to government agencies in the development of programs pertaining to hearing loss and hearing aids.

Fees: Most information is provided free. Fees are charged for brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets provided in bulk.

Notes: The National Hearing Aid Society was founded in 1951 and has 51 State and provincial chapters throughout the United States and Canada. Nationally, it represents its members with government, consumer and ancillary groups. The Annual Meeting consists primarily of educational seminars and programs to keep hearing aid specialists and other professionals in hearing health-care informed of current developments in the field. NHAS sponsors the Hearing Instruments Institute to provide an educational arm for the industry programs for hearing aid specialists.

To insure quality service, the Society also grants certification to hearing aid specialists who meet the Society's standards of education, experience and ethics and may use the title, Certified Hearing Aid Audiologist.

For information, write the Society at the above address.

NATIONAL HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION
25 W. 39th Street
New York, NY 10018
PHONE: 212-869-9740

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Hemophilia, hemoarthropies and psychosocial problems relating to hemophilia.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF) is a voluntary national health agency concerned with the problems faced by those with hemophilia. Its four objectives are to: 1) organize and develop a national program of research and clinical studies in the field of hemophilia, 2) develop and expand the Foundation, its benefits and facilities to all areas of the United States, 3) publish information and knowledge relating to early diagnosis and correct treatment of hemophilia and 4) organize a national fund raising program and advise

and assist its chapters. In addition, the Foundation engenders the creation of hemophilia comprehensive care clinics and works with Federal and State authorities to open up more areas of financial support to aid hemophiliacs.

The Foundation provides general information about hemophilia as well as information in the following areas relative to hemophilia: 1) health, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 2) psycho-social services, 3) income maintenance/security, 4) recreation/ physical education, 5) civil rights/legislation and 6) research. The Foundation's information is particularly strong in the area of State hemophilia resources and programs, which includes payment mechanisms, educational and vocational guidance and assistance and vocational rehabilitation.

SERVICES: The Foundation provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) provides films or other audiovisuals and 7) sends the organization's newsletter on request. Direct services are provided through local chapters. Through the United Airlines Pilot Association, airlift services are provided for hemophiliac children needing treatment unavailable where they live. Some publications of the Foundation are also important information resources. Among these are: 1) the DIRECTORY OF HEMOPHILIA TREATMENT CENTERS, 2) YOUR CHILD AND HEMOPHILIA: A MANUAL FOR PARENTS, 3) HOME THERAPY FOR HEMOPHILIA: A PHYSICIAN'S MANUAL (distributed only to medical professionals), 4) CONTROL OF PAIN IN HEMOPHILIA (distributed only to medical professionals) and 5) THE HEMOPHILIC CHILD IN SCHOOL. The Foundation also distributes the WORLD FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA TRAVEL DIRECTORY, a guide for traveling hemophiliacs listing treatment centers around the world.

Age: The subject matter of the information distributed by the Foundation does not concern any particular age group. However, most hemophiliacs are young; 90 percent are under age 25.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation. Frequent inquirers include hemophiliacs and their families and medical professionals who do not specialize in this blood disorder, but who have hemophiliacs under their care.

Fees: Single copies of all information are provided free of charge.

Notes: The National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF) was founded in 1948 and has over 50 chapters nationwide. NHF is a charter member of the World Federation of Hemophilia and a member of the National Health Council.

NHF searches for and develops methods to improve recruitment of blood donors so that blood and blood products are available when needed. The Foundation also maintains cooperative liaisons with the American

National Red Cross, the American Association of Blood Banks and the Community Council of Blood Centers so that uniform prices for blood products may be obtained.

The Foundation supports clinical and basic research into the prevention and treatment of hemophilia and provides a number of post-doctoral research fellowships to approved applicants for coagulation research with special emphasis on hemophilia in biochemical areas. NHF also sponsors national and regional conferences for nonprofessional and professional groups to disseminate and coordinate information about all facets of the disease, therapy and research.

In addition, NHF offers a number of scholarships for hemophiliac students and encourages summer camp programs so that hemophiliac children can take part in normal recreational activities. Local chapters register hemophiliacs and counsel them about care facilities and interested physicians. They work with other area agencies to help hemophiliacs with their medical, financial and social problems. Each chapter also has a Medical Advisory Committee to promote high standards of care and the efficient use of community blood resources.

For information, call or write the Foundation and/or one of its chapters.

NATIONAL INCONVENIENCED SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

3738 Walnut Avenue
Carmichael, CA 95608
PHONE: 916-484-2153

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sensory impairments in general, amputation, congenital malformations, epilepsy, paralysis, poliomyelitis, spinal cord injuries, stroke and mental retardation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of the National Inconvenienced Sportsmen's Association (NISA) is to: 1) provide inconvenienced persons an opportunity to experience sports as a recreational activity in which they may participate, 2) afford a natural environment which has psychological, therapeutic and positive results and 3) develop a nucleus of instructors who may become competent enough to carry this program throughout the nation. One of NISA's objectives is to establish regional sports programs which will provide inconvenienced sportsmen with activity and serve as leadership training centers. The Association collects and disseminates information on recreation/physical education and equipment/special devices/aids for sports activity as one means of attaining its goals.

SERVICES: The Association provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets and 3) sends the organization's newsletter. The Association will also refer lay inquirers to other information centers for information on adapted physical activities and sports recreation.

NISA also provides direct services through its pilot programs in eight States.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional may request information from NISA. Handicapped persons are the most frequent users of the service.

Fees: Most information is provided free. There is a charge for the organization's newsletter.

Notes: NISA offers direct services through the Association's pilot chartered communities for inconvenienced sportsmen in eight States: California, Utah, Montana, Virginia, Massachusetts, Colorado, Oregon and Minnesota. The national headquarters supports these communities through: 1) maintaining communication via newsletters, films etc., 2) conducting regional workshops, training sessions and clinics for inconvenienced sportsmen and instructors, 3) establishing equipment sharing pools, 4) sharing instructional methods and techniques, 5) enlisting the support of government agencies, businesses and industries, 6) evaluating programs and 7) developing teaching guides and manuals. The objective of these pilot communities is to establish regional sports programs which will not only provide inconvenienced sportsmen with activity, but serve as leadership training centers. Until 1972, the Association was known as the National Amputee Skiers Association.

For information, write NISA at the above address.

NATIONAL INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND
2020 Jericho Turnpike
New Hyde Park, NY 11040
PHONE: 516-328-7722

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness and blindness in combination with any other disability.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: National Industries for the Blind (NIB) was established to: 1) act as the designated central nonprofit agency for workshops for the blind under the provisions of the Wagner-O'Day Act, 2) provide technical and rehabilitation consultation services to qualified workshops for the blind, 3) increase employment opportunities for blind persons both within and without those communities now served by NIB associated workshops and 4) act as an advocate for blind persons to overcome social, educational and employment discrimination.

NIB disseminates information on blindness and in the following areas: 1) education of personnel working with blind persons, 2) employment, including placement, vocational rehabilitation and training, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of blind employees and employment of personnel dealing with blind persons, 3) rehabilitation (health) and 4) psycho-social services. Information is particularly strong in the area of vocational rehabilitation.

SERVICES: NIB provides direct services to associated workshops for the blind and information services to lay and professional inquirers.

Information services include: 1) answers to inquiries by letter, 2) referral to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) distribution of brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets. NIB will also make inquiries of other organizations on behalf of the professional inquirer.

Age: Information usually concerns blind persons 18 and over (the working age). There is, however, no upper limit.

User Eligibility: NIB services are geared to workshops for the blind; however, all requests for information are answered. Workshops for the blind must meet the criteria established in the regulations governing the Wagner-O'Day Act to be associated with NIB.

Fees: Information is provided without charge.

Notes: National Industries for the Blind was established in 1938 and designated by the Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped to allocate purchase orders of the Federal Government for certain approved goods and services among qualified workshops for the blind. The Wagner-O'Day Act has been amended but still provides first priority, after Federal prisons, to workshops for the blind in the manufacture of selected goods to be sold to the Federal Government.

NIB's direct services to associated workshops are in the areas of: 1) technical assistance, 2) mechanical and industrial engineering, 3) quality assurance, 4) subcontract procurement, 5) accounting and management, 6) government and military resale marketing and 7) board and management training. NIB also researches and recommends new products, prices and price revisions to the Committee and may assist in procuring raw materials.

The Rehabilitation Services Division of NIB works to establish evaluation and training programs and develop new work opportunities for multi-handicapped blind persons. Non-associated workshops may request information on eligibility and technical assistance from the Technical Consultation Program.

For information, contact the organization at the above address.

NATIONAL INDUSTRIES FOR THE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED
4350 East-West Highway
Suite 204
Washington, DC 20014
PHONE: 301-654-0115

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general, specifically severe handicaps.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Industries for the Severely Handicapped (NISH) is a private organization whose primary objective is to expand employment opportunities for severely handicapped individuals, through increasing the capability of sheltered workshops to produce

commodities and services for the Federal Government under the Wagner-O'Day Act as amended in 1971 (Public Law 92-28). NISH has two major functions: 1) to provide technical assistance directly to sheltered workshops to determine feasibility of production of commodities or services for ultimate sale to the Federal Government, estimate requirements in terms of equipment, space, materials, manpower and financing and assist in establishing production systems and 2) to research and develop commodities and services which are feasible for production in sheltered workshops employing non-blind severely handicapped individuals.

SERVICES: NISH sends interested workshops detailed technical instructions for compliance with the Wagner-O'Day Act and includes, BASIC PROCEDURES FOR SELLING COMMODITIES AND SERVICES TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, A GUIDE FOR SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, a copy of the Wagner-O'Day Act and a copy of the "Inventory of Workshop Capability Questionnaire." The NISH staff also provides assistance to workshops in completing the documents needed to comply with the Wagner-O'Day Act and supplies information on its own functions and those of the Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped, on request. Professional inquiries are answered by phone or letter.

User Eligibility: NISH is specifically set up to answer information requests and provide technical assistance to professionals operating sheltered workshops for severely handicapped individuals.

Fees: Services are provided free; however, if technical assistance provided secures a contract for the sale of a commodity/service, fees are charged.

Notes: National Industries for the Severely Handicapped was organized by a coalition of private agencies long connected with handicapped individuals and workshops, including Goodwill Industries of America, the Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, the National Association for Jewish Vocational Services (formerly the Jewish Occupational Council for Jewish Vocational Services), the National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, United Cerebral Palsy Associations and the National Association for Retarded Citizens; it was incorporated in 1974. These six agencies, together with representatives from the National Industries for the Blind, had in previous years been part of a "Central Nonprofit Agency Advisory Group" which had met monthly with the staff of the Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped in a cooperative effort to channel more government work to workshops serving handicapped individuals. These agencies also assisted the Committee in developing regulations, policies and procedures to implement the amended Wagner-O'Day program; they continue to advise and consult NISH.

NISH has been designated the central nonprofit agency representing workshops serving the severely handicapped. There are now only two central nonprofit agencies acting as liaison between sheltered workshops and the Committee for the Wagner-O'Day Act: National Industries for the Blind, representing workshops for the blind and National Industries for the Severely Handicapped. For information write NISH at the above address.

National Information Center for the Handicapped

See: CLOSER LOOK

National Information and Referral Service for Autistic
and Autistic-Like Persons

See: NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR REHABILITATION ENGINEERING

Consumer Advisory Service

97 Decker Road

Butler, NJ 07405

PHONE: 201-838-2500

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sensory impairments in general (including, hearing, visual acuity and visual field), speech impairments, musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions in general, neurological disorders in general, respiratory conditions in general, disfigurement, genitourinary disorders in general, autism, learning disabilities, mental retardation, multiple handicaps and disabling cancers and genetic disorders.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Institute for Rehabilitation Engineering (NIRE) was founded to utilize current technology to help severely and multiply handicapped persons lead a better life through social and vocational rehabilitation. It strives to help people who are permanently disabled and cannot be cured of their disabilities by medical, surgical or therapeutic means. The Institute is composed of medical professionals and engineers devoted to the design and construction of devices to help many types of handicapped people to live and function despite their disabilities. It uses multidisciplinary human factor engineering and time/motion human performance efficiency methods. NIRE provides information on equipment and aids to assist severely handicapped persons in the following areas: 1) employment, 2) housing, 3) transportation, 4) homemaking, 5) overcoming architectural barriers, 6) recreation/physical education, 7) activities of daily living and 8) maintenance (health). NIRE also has some information on civil rights/legislation, such as the right of a physically handicapped person to obtain a driver's license, and on education and training for professionals in the field of rehabilitation engineering.

SERVICES: NIRE provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) provides films or other audiovisuals, 7) sends the Institute's newsletter, 8) prepares bibliographies, abstracts or indexes in response to certain individual requests and 9) permits on-site use of its holdings. NIRE's consumer advisory service emphasizes information on equipment and its availability and suitability in a particular situation. Materials published by

NIRE for distribution are primarily descriptive of the Institute's direct services and the application of technology to difficulties caused by disabilities.

User Eligibility: NIRE is a membership organization; however, any lay or professional person may request information. Services are provided to any handicapped person on request or referral.

Fees: All brief inquiries are answered free. Moderately complex inquiries from members of the Institute are answered free; others pay a fee. Fees are charged for inquiries requiring complex responses; however, members are given first priority on time and scheduling. Fees for direct services are levied on a sliding scale, according to the client's ability to pay. Assistance is given potential clients in identifying sources of financial assistance.

NIRE has conducted clinical research in the following areas: 1) subnormal vision, 2) visual field defects, 3) driving for handicapped persons, 4) electronic speech and aids and clarifiers, 5) hearing difficulties, 6) wheelchairs and other mobility aids, 7) educational aids and 8) totally blind, totally deaf and multiply-handicapped. The purpose of the research has been to develop special equipment or systems which will serve the individual's needs.

NIRE provides patient evaluation, prosthetic and user-training services. Examples of equipment developed by NIRE are: field-expander and cross-vision glasses for those with tunnel vision or field defects; electronic speech aids; electric wheelchairs which fold, climb curbs, have built-in toilets, two-way radios or respirators; electrically controlled cars and vans; self-care, kitchen, clothing and sex aids; writing and communication aids; and special self-employment set-ups.

For professionals, NIRE will conduct field clinics at any desired location and sponsor internships, seminars and other forms of professional training in overall techniques and new research developments. To receive these services, professionals must: 1) be willing to perform interdisciplinary tasks, 2) pay NIRE in fees, grant funds or unpaid labor and 3) become a member and research associate of NIRE for ongoing cooperation.

NIRE has affiliate agencies in England, Sweden and Italy.

For information or services, contact the Executive Director at the above address.

NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION
116 E. 27th Street
New York, NY 10016
PHONE: 212-889-2210

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Genitourinary disorders in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) is the national voluntary health agency dedicated to the prevention, treatment and cure of diseases of the kidney. The Foundation and its affiliates:

1) support and encourage basic and clinical research into the incidence, causes, treatment, prevention and cure of kidney disease, 2) promote professional education through a professional membership service designed to provide physicians with current information relating to diagnosis and latest treatment and 3) inform the public of the latest developments in kidney disease research, treatment and prevention. In addition, the Foundation actively supports legislation to provide financial assistance to victims of kidney disease, and in other areas, most notably the uniform implementing of organ donor programs. NKF also has information on psycho-social services, particularly on the need for psychological counseling for persons with end-stage renal disease, on activities of daily living for kidney patients and on equipment/special devices/aids for victims of kidney disease.

SERVICES: The Foundation provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. Direct services, such as detection programs, drug banks which provide costly medication at reduced rates and rental or loan of artificial kidneys, are generally provided by local affiliates which also provide advice and assistance on obtaining care.

Certain publications of NKF are also important information sources. These are: 1) THE KIDNEY, a monthly publication of medical articles and 2) KF NEWSLETTER, published quarterly. NKF also distributes the MAYO CLINIC RENAL DIET COOKBOOK, on request. An important service program of NKF is the Uniform Organ Donor Program. Through this program, NKF provides uniform donor cards to individuals 18 years of age and of sound mind, who wish to donate organs or their entire body upon their death. In this way, NKF hopes to insure a steady supply of kidneys for transplantation. Affiliates also support similar programs.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation. Frequent inquirers are professionals working with kidney patients and the general public interested in kidney disease.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Fees are charged for brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets provided in bulk and for the Mayo Clinic Cookbook.

Notes: The National Kidney Foundation was founded in 1950 by a group of concerned parents and has 54 affiliates nationwide. Affiliates are autonomous but receive direction and advice from the national office. The Foundation and its chartered affiliates are members of the National Health Council and the National Information Bureau. Both the National Foundation and its affiliates sponsor and support research. The national office sponsors a grantee program primarily for research and for the support of young doctors in research and other renal programs. Fellowships are awarded, with emphasis placed on supporting research and training in renal function and disease as

well as providing clinical fellowships in nephrology. At the local level, programs are funded to: 1) support clinical research, 2) support entire laboratories for research and 3) develop equipment for research, dialysis, micro-typing techniques and in other areas. The national office and each of its affiliates also have Scientific Advisory Boards and Medical Advisory Boards. Business is carried out through four councils: 1) Council of Nephrology Social Workers, 2) Council of Renal Nutritionists, 3) Council on Dialysis and Transplantation and 4) Council on Urology. The national and locals all sponsor symposia, conferences and dialogue with members of the medical and allied health professions. Both worked for passage of Public Law 92-603 (also known as House Resolution 1 or HR-1) which provided amendments to the Social Security Act; Section 299-1 provided for increased financial assistance to victims of end-stage renal disease.

For information, call or write the Foundation at the above address.

NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY

205 E. 42nd Street

New York, NY 10017

PHONE: 212-532-3060

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Multiple sclerosis (MS) and diseases related to MS.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to discovering the cause, prevention and cure for multiple sclerosis. Its aims and purposes are to stimulate, coordinate and support research, encourage and assist in establishing chapters and branches of the National Society, aid in the development of medical and paramedical services as well as social and recreational opportunities for individuals disabled as a result of MS and related diseases and assist families and communities in dealing with problems resulting from MS. The Society funds research projects and fellowships and conducts a year-round educational program for the professional and lay communities so that all knowledge regarding progress in research and trends in service programs may be disseminated. In addition, information is provided in the following areas relative to Multiple Sclerosis: 1) vocational rehabilitation and training, 2) health, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 3) psycho-social services, 4) income maintenance/security, 5) activities of daily living, 6) equipment/special devices/aids and 7) civil rights/legislation. The National Society frequently refers inquirers to local chapters where information is also provided on housing, transportation and recreation/physical education in addition to the other areas mentioned above.

SERVICES: The National Society provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers (frequently local MS Society chapters), 3)

makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests, 7) provides films or other audiovisuals and 8) sends the organization's newsletter. Direct services are provided through local chapters. In addition, the Society maintains a semi-annual listing of grants in effect for research and training relevant to MS for which information is sought from other agencies including member societies of the International Federation of Multiple Sclerosis Societies.

Age: The onset of Multiple Sclerosis is usually between 20 and 40 years of age. Onset in 20 percent of cases is 20 years or below. The National Society collects information about Multiple Sclerosis at any age.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Society. Frequent inquirers include MS patients, their families and friends, health professionals and students.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The National Multiple Sclerosis Society was founded in 1946 and currently has 173 chapters and branches nationwide. The International Federation of Multiple Sclerosis Societies is an association of 20 national multiple sclerosis societies. For information on the Society or its operations, contact the Information Representative at the above address.

National Odd Shoe Exchange

See: RUTH RUBIN FELDMAN NATIONAL ODD SHOE EXCHANGE

NATIONAL PARAPLEGIA FOUNDATION

333 N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60601
PHONE: 312-346-4779

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Spinal cord injuries and disease.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Paraplegia Foundation (NPF) is a voluntary health agency concerned with the total problem of paraplegia. Its goals are to: encourage basic scientific research to liberate paraplegics from their wheelchairs; bring about the best medical care and rehabilitation for paraplegics; and help individuals who are paraplegics achieve their own goals. To achieve these goals, NPF: 1) promotes and facilitates the exchange of scientific information, 2) fosters better immediate and long-term care and treatment for paraplegics, 3) advocates the implementation of a national network of regional spinal cord injury systems to provide high quality care, rehabilitation and research and coordinates efforts in this area, 4)

refers individual paraplegics to the best available sources of care, 5) publishes and distributes literature on paraplegia to hospitals, members of the medical profession, individuals and others and 6) provides information to paraplegics and others directly concerned on self-help devices, equipment, personal care and other matters of special interest to paraplegics. The Foundation also has some information on architectural barriers.

SERVICES: NPF provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests, 7) sends the organization's magazine, on request and 8) permits on-site use of its holdings.

Local chapters provide some direct services including: 1) arranging for individual paraplegics to help other paraplegics on a person-to-person basis as appropriate and 2) helping through personal contact to motivate paraplegics to set and meet high but realistic goals in such areas as employment, education, transportation and adaptation to home and wheelchair living.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation. Handicapped individuals are the most frequent inquirers.

Fees: Much of the information is provided free of charge. Fees are levied for some fact sheets, previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and those prepared for certain individual requests, the Foundation's magazine and other publications.

Notes: The National Paraplegia Foundation has 53 chapters nationwide. It is composed of a Board of Directors, a national office, a research office, professional advisory committees and individual members, including paraplegics, their families and friends and others interested in overcoming the problems of spinal cord injuries and disease.

In addition to other services, NPF: 1) identifies research problems needing investigation and informs scientists as appropriate, 2) makes small incentive grants in support of research and helps selected scientists obtain funds, 3) sponsors spinal cord injury conferences and seminars and 4) keeps paraplegics and others informed of progress and enlists their support.

For information, write the Foundation at the above address.

NATIONAL PARKINSON FOUNDATION
1501 N.W. Ninth Avenue
Miami, FL 33136
PHONE: 305-324-0156

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Parkinson's disease.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purposes of the National Parkinson Foundation are to support basic and clinical research into Parkinson's and related diseases and to provide information to patients and their families on problems relating to Parkinson's disease. The Foundation also supports the Parkinson Diagnostic, Health Services, Rehabilitation Institute (also known as the National Parkinson Institute) which provides diagnosis, treatment, care and rehabilitation services, and the Bob Hope Parkinson Research Center.

SERVICES: The Foundation provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 3) sends the organization's newsletter. Direct services are provided at the Foundation's Institute in Miami, Florida. Some publications available from the Foundation include: 1) WHAT THE PATIENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PARKINSON'S DISEASE, 2) PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE, 3) THE STORY OF L-DOPA FROM OBSERVATION and 4) 15 YEARS OF PROGRESS IN PARKINSONISM 1957-1972.

Age: Parkinson's disease generally affects elderly people; however, the Foundation has information about the disease occurring at any age.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation. Frequent inquirers are Parkinson patients and their families.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Fees may be levied for materials requested in bulk. Charges vary for direct services provided in Miami.

Notes: The National Parkinson Foundation was founded in 1957 by Mr. and Mrs. S. Jay Levy in Miami Beach. According to the Foundation, its Parkinson Diagnostic, Health Services, Rehabilitation Institute, is the only institution of its kind in the country that devotes itself exclusively to the needs of Parkinson patients. The Institute also has uniform records on perhaps the largest population of Parkinson patients anywhere in the country. In addition, the Institute was authorized by the Food and Drug Administration to do preliminary tests with L-Dopa and since 1968 has had experience and treated several thousand patients with this drug. In 1975, a new drug Sinemet was released and the Institute is currently prescribing this medication to patients.

The Foundation also maintains an office in New York City at 11 Park Place, New York 10007; inquiries, however, should be addressed to the Miami office.

NATIONAL PITUITARY AGENCY
210 W. Fayette Street
Suite 503-9
Baltimore, MD 21201
PHONE: 301-837-2552

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Hypopituitary dwarfism and all anterior pituitary hormone disorders.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Pituitary Agency (NPA) is one of the programs of the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases and receives the full support of the College of American Pathologists. The purpose of NPA is to collect pituitary glands at autopsy, extract Human Growth Hormone (HGH) and distribute HGH for treatment of hypopituitary dwarfism. It is the single national program set up for this purpose.

SERVICES: In addition to providing Human Growth Hormone for distribution, NPA also answers lay and professional requests for information by phone or letter and sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. Lay inquirers are provided with films or other audiovisuals on request. Through the pituitary gland donors program, individuals 18 years of age or older and of sound mind may sign up to donate their pituitary gland upon death. HGH is extracted from the gland and distributed to doctors for investigative therapy.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NPA. Researchers are the most frequent inquirers and HGH is distributed only to them.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: NPA was established in 1963 through the financial support of the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases. It works closely with the Human Growth Foundation (see separate listing) which operates the national central registry for donating pituitary glands.

For information, phone or write the NPA at the above address.

National Recreation and Park Association's National Therapeutic Recreation Society

See: NATIONAL THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SOCIETY

NATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELING ASSOCIATION
1522 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005
PHONE: 202-296-6080

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Rehabilitation Counseling Association (NRCA), the largest professional division of the National Rehabilitation Association, is dedicated to improving practice in rehabilitation counseling and the quality of rehabilitation services provided to disabled people. Its goals are to: 1) identify the needs of disabled people and the rehabilitation counseling knowledge and skills necessary to respond to these needs, 2) discover and develop means whereby these needs are adequately met and to act as an advocate for the needs of disabled people in our society, 3) share the results of these developments and discoveries through its publications, branch meetings and national conferences and its liaison with other interested professional associations and agencies, 4) promote research to test and develop rehabilitation counseling practice, 5) promote improvement of graduate and in-service training for rehabilitation counseling practice, 6) identify, develop and establish standards for rehabilitation counseling practices and 7) encourage professional and personal growth of rehabilitation counselors. NRCA has information on: 1) education, including formal education of handicapped individuals and education of personnel dealing with them, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the handicapped employee and employment of personnel working with handicapped individuals (NRCA maintains up-to-date information on salaries, agency requirements and personnel practices for its members), 3) psycho-social services, 4) rehabilitation (health) and 5) research. NRCA also distributes information about careers in rehabilitation to students.

SERVICES: NRCA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. For professionals, the Association also: 1) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 2) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 4) sends the Association's newsletter.

The Association's publication, THE JOURNAL OF APPLIED REHABILITATION COUNSELING, is also an information source. In addition, NRCA publishes the CODE OF ETHICS FOR REHABILITATION COUNSELORS.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NRCA. Frequent inquirers include rehabilitation counselors and school counselors.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge; however fees are levied for the preparation of individual bibliographies, indexes or abstracts.

Notes: The National Rehabilitation Counseling Association was established in 1958 and has maintained a national office since 1964. It operates with a structure of seven regional and an expanding number of State and campus affiliates called branches.

Special programs of NRCA have included: 1) sponsorship of a Certification Commission which establishes standards of performance and practice, examines and certifies competency of practitioners and reviews standards of educational institutions and programs for training practitioners in rehabilitation counseling, 2) establishment of counselor advisory committees, 3) continuing education of rehabilitation counselors under sponsorship of the organization, 4) establishment of a national scholarship program in cooperation with the AMVETS Auxiliary for encouraging students to enter the rehabilitation counseling field for graduate study, 5) establishment of a national awards program for counselors demonstrating excellence in practice and 6) use of council structures to support continued studies related to ethics, counselor education, research, personnel practices and other areas of concern.

For information, contact the Executive Director.

NATIONAL RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA FOUNDATION

Rolling Park Bldg.

8331 Mindale Circle

Baltimore, MD 21207

PHONE: 301-655-1011

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments, especially inherited retinal degenerative diseases.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation (NRPF) raises funds to sponsor research efforts in the area of inherited retinal degenerative diseases. The Foundation provides general information about retinal degenerative diseases, as well as information on the diagnostic evaluation of retinitis pigmentosa and allied diseases and on research conducted under its sponsorship.

SERVICES: NRPF provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets, 4) provides films or other audiovisuals and 5) sends the organization's newsletter and annual report on request.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NRPF.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge (quantities limited).

Notes: The National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation was incorporated in 1971 to sponsor or financially assist in the research, treatment and care of people with retinitis pigmentosa and to promote general knowledge of the disease. In 1974-75, the Foundation consisted of 38 affiliated volunteer chapters in 22 States and a volunteer work force of 3,000 members. NRPF activities have included: 1) compilation of a registry of persons afflicted with RP or other retinal degenerative diseases, 2) construction of the Berman-Gund Laboratory of

Harvard University for the study of retinal degenerative diseases at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston, 3) sponsorship of four research fellowships for the study of RP, 4) initiation of a training grant program in electroretinography, 5) convention of the first international workshop on retinal degenerative diseases (1975), 6) a pilot eye donor program for persons with retinal degenerative diseases for research purposes at the Berman-Gund Laboratory and 7) investigation of optical aids to increase peripheral vision. Approximately 85 percent of the Foundation's resources in 1974-75 were devoted to research and education. Research is funded based on the recommendations of the NRPF Scientific Advisory Board whose members, scientists and ophthalmologists of international prominence, coordinate and review all research proposals.

Inquiries should be addressed to the executive offices in Baltimore.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN Information and Referral Service
306 31st Street
Huntington, WV 25702
PHONE: 304-697-2638

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Autism and autistic-like disorders. The National Society for Autistic Children defines "autistic children" as those persons, regardless of age, with severe disorders of communication and behavior whose disability became manifest during the early developmental stages of childhood. "Autistic children" include, but are not limited to, those afflicted with infantile autism (Kanner's syndrome), profound aphasia, childhood psychoses or any other condition characterized by severe deficits in language ability and behavior and by the lack of ability to relate appropriately to others. The autistic child appears to suffer primarily from a pervasive impairment of cognitive and/or perceptual functioning, the consequences of which are manifested by limited ability to understand, communicate, learn and participate in social relationships.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Information and Referral Service of the National Society for Autistic Children (NSAC) acts as a centralized source of information relevant to autistic children. It serves parents, professionals and other interested persons, providing general information about autism and autistic-like disorders, as well as information in the following areas relative to autism: 1) education, including the formal education of autistic individuals and the education of personnel dealing with them, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of autistic employees and employment of personnel dealing with autistic persons, 3) housing, 4) transportation, 5) health, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 6) psycho-social services, 7) income maintenance/security, 8) recreation/physical education, 9) activities of daily living, 10) equipment/special devices/aids, 11) civil rights/legislation and 12) research. The Service is particularly interested in advocacy and often engages in individual advocacy.

Some specific types of information available include: 1) names, addresses and other information about day and residential programs, public and private, and camps which take autistic children, 2) cities and States where autistic children are educated in public schools, 3) a list of facilities which take autistic adolescents and adults, 4) lists of parents in an individual's geographic area with the same problems (these lists include parents with musically talented, deaf, blind or adopted autistic children and autistic twins), 5) how to effectively organize to get community services for autistic children, 6) legislative information at national and State levels, 7) Bill of Rights for autistic children, 8) suggestions for sources of funds, public and private, 9) a list of colleges and universities which offer training in the field of autism, 10) income tax information for parents and 11) a list of contacts and Societies for Autistic Children in other countries. In addition, the Service strives to stay abreast of all research being undertaken in autism and/or related fields and maintains an informal list of government sponsored research and research conducted by government agencies and private researchers.

SERVICES: The NSAC Information and Referral Service provides the following services to lay or professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests, 7) provides films or other audiovisuals, 8) sends the organization's newsletter and 9) permits on-site use of its holdings.

The Service also sponsors a Job Exchange as one of its advocacy activities. This list of available, qualified personnel who deal with autistic children is provided to school districts and other employers wishing to start classes or programs.

Age: While autism is frequently associated with children, the condition lasts a lifetime. The information provided by the NSAC Information Service is not limited to information about any age group, though much of it concerns autistic children.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Service. Frequent inquirers include families of autistic persons and professionals working with them.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Special Information Services: In 1973, the Information and Referral Service conducted a survey of approximately 600 directors of programs for autistic and autistic-like persons for the National Institute of Mental Health. Results of this survey were compiled in a directory, U.S. FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESSES--A DIRECTORY. The Referral Service maintains the files from this survey for referral and information and is currently updating the survey data.

Notes: The Information and Referral Service was established in 1970 by the National Society for Autistic Children to disseminate information on autism to all interested persons. The National Society for Autistic Children was founded in 1965 by Dr. Bernard Rimland, psychologist, author of INFANTILE AUTISM and parent of an autistic child. It is an organization of parents, professionals and other interested individuals working to foster programs of legislation, education and research for the benefit of all children with severe behavioral disorders.

For information and referral, contact Ruth Sullivan, Director of the Information and Referral Service at the above address. For information on the Society, contact: The National Society for Autistic Children, 169 Tampa Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208 (518-489-7375).

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS, INC.
79 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016
PHONE: 212-684-3505

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness (NSPB) is a national voluntary health agency engaged in the prevention of blindness through a program of community services, public and professional education and research. The primary objectives of the Society are to prevent loss of sight and to preserve vision. To this end, the Society: 1) serves as a clearinghouse on matters pertaining to the prevention of blindness and conservation of vision in children and adults, 2) assembles statistical and other data about the nature and extent of the causes of blindness and defective vision to serve as a basis for preventive programs, 3) assists educational authorities in the improvement of environmental conditions affecting eye health in schools and colleges, 4) provides guidance and consultation to industry in adoption of eye health and safety procedures, 5) promotes eye care and safety programs in vocational shops, manual arts and chemistry laboratories in schools and colleges and 6) disseminates information to professionals on preventive aspects of eye conditions, and to the public on positive eye care and prevention of blindness.

SERVICES: The Society provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers (mostly sources of eye care), 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) provides films or other audiovisuals, 5) sends the organization's newsletter and 6) permits on-site use (by appointment) of its library which includes approximately 2,900 volumes and 300 current serial titles in the fields of eye health and safety; there is also a comprehensive collection of historical materials on eye health. A catalog of publications is available on request. Direct services are provided through local affiliates and include preschool vision screenings and a glaucoma screening program.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Society.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees are levied for brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets provided in bulk, rental of films or other audiovisuals and some publications.

Notes: The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness was founded in 1908 and has 22 State affiliated organizations. The Society's Professional Advisory Committees, composed of authorities in eye physiology, ophthalmology, pediatrics, biophysics, public health, preventive medicine, nursing, social work, education, pharmacology and other relevant specialties, provide the authoritative base from which educational and community service programs can be developed. Each State has its own medical advisory committee to act as immediately available counsel on problems requiring medical authority.

The Society supports basic and clinical research by assisting young investigators, not yet established in research careers, in pursuing pilot studies pertinent to the interests of the Society. Professional education includes seminars, workshops, training films and exhibits.

For information, contact the Society at the above address.

NATIONAL TAY-SACHS AND ALLIED DISEASES ASSOCIATION
122 E. 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017
PHONE: 212-661-2780

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Tay-Sachs, allied degenerative lysosomal and neurological diseases and other diseases due to inborn errors of metabolism.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases Association conducts programs in support of research, family counseling and public and professional education into the genetic disease Tay-Sachs and many other diseases due to inborn errors of metabolism. To this end, the Association: 1) provides free educational literature on Tay-Sachs disease, 2) acts as a referral agency for lay and professional persons on all aspects of Tay-Sachs and related diseases, 3) promotes mass genetic screening programs nationally as well as in the New York Metropolitan area to identify carriers of the defective gene causing Tay-Sachs, 4) promotes appropriate legislation locally and nationally and 5) maintains facilities for the psychological counseling of families of afflicted children. The Association emphasizes prevention of Tay-Sachs through public education programs which provide information on the genetic carrier test for Tay-Sachs disease. Information provided on research in this area includes reports on carrier test perfection, enzyme replacement therapies and the psycho-social impact of genetic screening.

SERVICES: The Association provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) provides films or other audiovisuals, 6) sends the organization's newsletter and 7) permits on-site use of its holdings which include medical texts and pamphlets on basic biochemical research and psycho-social reports. Publications include: 1) BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES FOR TAY-SACHS AND ALLIED DEGENERATIVE LYSOSOMAL AND NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES, 2) TESTING CENTERS CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, which has information on where to receive the genetic carrier test for Tay-Sachs and 3) ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL TAY-SACHS AND ALLIED DISEASES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

Direct services in the form of testing for carriers of the defective gene and genetic counseling are sponsored nationwide.

Age: Information provided by the Association concerns two age groups: 1) victims of the disease, infants 0-5 years of age and 2) possible carriers of the defective gene, usually Eastern European Jews, who could avoid having a Tay-Sachs child through genetic screening; these individuals are generally in the 18-45 years age group.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees are levied for films or other audiovisuals and for brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets requested in bulk.

Notes: The National Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases Association was founded in 1957 as a parents' group to support medical research into lipidoses and to support a 17-bed ward in Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in New York. Since 1957, six major international symposia have been convened under the organization's auspices and over 500 scientific papers and presentations have been made by researchers working with the Association's support. In addition, over 125,000 carrier tests have been performed in the United States by local groups with the assistance of the Association's educational materials and medical facilities.

For information, write the Association at the above address.

National Temporal Bone Banks Center (Johns Hopkins University)
See: DEAFNESS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

NATIONAL THEATRE OF THE DEAF
1860 Broadway
New York, NY 10023
PHONE: 212-246-2277

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Theatre of the Deaf (NTD) is a project of the Eugene O'Neill Memorial Theater Center, a nonprofit arts organization. NTD has four major objectives: 1) to use the power of the theater to improve the image of deaf persons, 2) to demonstrate to employers and deaf people themselves that traditional job pigeon-holing is not a necessity, 3) to bring theater directly, and indirectly by stimulus, to the deaf community and 4) to develop a superb theater form, fully professional and competitive with the finest theaters in the world. NTD is a source of information on education and vocational training of deaf persons as related to theater. Areas covered include acting, directing, theater management and other topics.

SERVICES: NTD's major areas of activity are performance and training. The company mounts a major production every September and tours it nationally and internationally in the fall and spring. NTD offers dramatic productions to the theatergoing audiences of major cities, at commercial theaters, universities, colleges, etc. The Little Theaters of the Deaf (LTD) perform mostly in schools with a program for younger audiences. The troupe also offers workshops and lecture demonstrations in schools, both for hearing and deaf individuals. The company holds an annual summer school, the Professional School for Deaf Theater Personnel (PSDTP). PSDTP is an intensive five-week course in NTD theater techniques for deaf theater students from all over the country. It is a period of training, rehearsal and exploration. Professionals are sometimes allowed to participate as observers and are included in workshops. NTD distributes an information kit explaining its program, a summer school brochure and program descriptions. A newsletter is also produced regularly.

Age: Students must be over 17 to apply for admittance to the PSDTP program.

User Eligibility: Any interested lay or professional person may request information on the NTD program. Applicants for the PSDTP program must be deaf or skilled in sign language, over 17 and preferably high school graduates with some background in theater. Professionals wishing to observe the Professional School for Deaf Theater Personnel must demonstrate individual merit and potential ability to serve the deaf community. NTD must also be satisfied that its program will serve the professional individual's particular needs.

Fees: Information is provided free of charge. Fees vary for participation in the theater programs.

Notes: The National Theatre of the Deaf gave its first summer school and tour in 1967. NTD is basically funded by the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped; BEH underwrites the cost of the summer school, rehearsal periods and the mounting of productions. Other costs are met from tour and performance fees.

In the past, NTD has offered an M.A. program in conjunction with Connecticut College. This program, Study for Teachers of the Deaf Leading to the Master of Arts Degree in Theater Education, is intended largely for deaf candidates. It is not now accepting new candidates due to a lack of funding; however, efforts are being made to revitalize the program.

For information on availability, cost, etc. of NTD performances, inquirers should write to Mack Scism, Tour Director, at the above address. For information on the summer school, queries should be addressed to Raymond Fleming, Administrator. David Hays, Director, is the best source of information on the M.A. program.

NATIONAL THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SOCIETY

A branch of the National Recreation and Park Association

1601 N. Kent Street

Arlington, VA 22209

PHONE: 703-525-0606

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general, particularly mental illness, mental retardation, physical handicaps and blindness.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Therapeutic Recreation Society (NTRS), a branch of the National Recreation and Park Association, is a professional organization for those concerned with providing recreation and leisure services to ill, handicapped and disabled persons and other special populations in hospitals, institutions and in the community. NTRS strives to: 1) unite in one organization all professionals and individuals either working or concerned with therapeutic recreation, 2) work with colleges, universities and other educational institutions to develop curricula for the field of therapeutic recreation and 3) work and consult with committees, agencies and government in expanding therapeutic recreation services and facilities for ill and handicapped persons and in special settings, such as nursing homes and correctional facilities. NTRS also provides information in the following areas relative to therapeutic recreation: 1) general information on the field, 2) education, training and employment of personnel in the field, 3) rehabilitation (health), 4) equipment/special devices/aids, 5) civil rights/legislation and 6) research.

SERVICES: NTRS provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) provides films or other audiovisuals, 5) sends the organization's newsletter and 6) permits on-site use of its holdings.

User Eligibility: NTRS is a membership organization; however, information is provided to any lay or professional inquirer, on request. Frequent inquirers are professionals working with handicapped individuals.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge; however, fees are charged for films and other audiovisuals, the organization's newsletter and occasionally for brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets.

Notes: NTRS was formed in 1966 and is one of the seven branches of the National Recreation and Park Association. NTRS's holdings include books and journals in the field of therapeutic recreation and original manuscripts on accreditation from the early 1900's. The Society sponsors an annual conference in October and regular monthly conferences throughout the country.

The National Recreation and Park Association is an independent public interest organization representing citizen and professional leadership in the recreation and park movement in the United States and Canada. It provides comprehensive community services to all facets of the park, recreation and leisure field.

For information, contact the National Therapeutic Recreation Society's Branch Executive in c/o the National Recreation and Park Association, at the above address.

National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association

See: AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL TUBEROUS SCLEROSIS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 159

Laguna Beach, CA 92652

PHONE: 714-494-8900

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Tuberous sclerosis, an autosomal dominant disorder, which can produce a variety of symptoms including seizures, developmental delay, mental retardation, tumors, skin lesions and psychoses (as these are characteristic of TS).

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Tuberous Sclerosis Association (NTSA) is an organization whose goals and objectives include: 1) case finding, 2) identification of knowledgeable individuals in the helping professions, 3) dissemination of information on tuberous sclerosis to professionals, parents and the general public, 4) definition of the incidence of TS through use of a case registry, 5) identification of the needs of patients and families to serve as the basis for the development of a human services system, 6) stimulation and support of research on TS and 7) correction of erroneous information regarding TS.

The Association is a source of general descriptive information about TS and also collects information in the following areas as they relate to the condition: 1) education, including formal education of persons with the condition and education of personnel working with them, 2) health, including prevention and diagnostic evaluation of the disease, 3) psycho-social services, 4) income maintenance/security, 5) equipment/special devices/aids, 6) civil rights/legislation and 7) research. The Association also strives to establish contact between parents of children with TS in local communities.

SERVICES: NTSA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) sends the organization's newsletter and 6) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests. The Association will also make inquiries of other organizations on behalf of the professional inquirer and permit the professional on-site use of its holdings. NTSA also generates special materials on TS for a variety of audiences. The Association provides medical, educational and parental material for distribution through physicians, genetic centers, medical schools and affiliated hospitals, mental institutions and schools for developmentally disabled persons. Materials consist primarily of medical reports on new findings written clinically and for the layperson. The Association has also developed an information display and fact sheet using video tape which describes and demonstrates the symptoms, signs and genetics of TS. The display was designed for use at medical conventions and meetings in order to upgrade physicians' knowledge of the disorder.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may use the Association's information services. Frequent inquirers are individuals with tuberous sclerosis, their families and physicians.

Fees: Most information is provided free; however, fees are charged for previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and the Association's newsletter.

Notes: The National Tuberous Sclerosis Association is a membership organization primarily of parents of TS children. The volunteer Board of Directors is assisted by a Medical Advisory Committee, a Special Education Committee and others in determining the Association's priorities and objectives. The first and only chapter was recently formed in Massachusetts.

NTSA is working to develop a comprehensive case registry for use in evaluation of needed services. The collection of medical records and reports will provide needed data to professionals and researchers; it is confidential except for research purposes.

NTSA's community development project, RESEARCH-EDUCATION OF PUBLIC AND PHYSICIANS CONCERNING TUBEROUS SCLEROSIS, was recently funded by the California State Department of Health. This project, directed primarily to Orange County and the Southern California basin, was designed to serve as a model with statewide and national significance. The purpose is to identify needs of and services available to individuals with TS in the area and to demonstrate the project's feasibility for wider application.

NTSA is a member of the following national organizations: 1) National Association for Retarded Citizens, 2) National Epilepsy League, 3) American Association on Mental Deficiency, 4) Down's Syndrome Congress, 5) National Society for Autistic Children and 6) Council for Exceptional Children.

For information, contact the national headquarters at the above address.

NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
40-24 62nd Street
Woodside, NY 11377
PHONE: 212-424-2929

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Those conditions which confine persons to wheelchairs, including musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions in general, particularly amputations and spina bifida, and neurological conditions in general, particularly cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, poliomyelitis and spinal cord injuries.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Wheelchair Athletic Association (NWAA) was founded to organize and govern wheelchair sports in the United States. Its activities are directed by the National Wheelchair Athletic Committee whose purposes are to: 1) formulate and maintain rules governing wheelchair athletics, 2) record and publish all rule changes, 3) record and maintain wheelchair athletic records and rules on claims for new records, 4) be responsible for the selection of sites for National Championship meets, 5) sanction official regional meets and 6) promote and regulate wheelchair sports in the United States in all possible ways.

Member athletes compete in regional events and the annual National Wheelchair Games. National champions are eligible for selection on the U.S. Wheelchair Paralympic Team which competes in international events. The Association is a source of information on its own activities and on: 1) rehabilitation as it relates to sports, 2) psycho-social services as an outgrowth of sports and 3) recreation/physical education. It also has information on research into the use of athletics in the rehabilitation process.

SERVICES: NWAA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers and direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) provides films or other audiovisuals and 5) distributes the organization's newsletter. With the exception of basketball (covered by the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (see separate listing)), the Association is involved in all wheelchair sports, including archery, darts, bowling, field events, slalom, table tennis, swimming, track, weight lifting and the pentathlon. Rules, training techniques and records are available from the Association. Also available are 16 mm. documentary films on the 1968 Israel Paralympics and the 1972 Heidelberg Paralympics. Films may be purchased or rented.

Age: Members of the Association range in age from 13 to 65.

User Eligibility: Although the Association is a membership organization, any lay or professional person may request information. Handicapped athletes are the most frequent inquirers.

Membership in the Association is open to all men and women wheelchair athletes and officials and coaches either involved in or interested in wheelchair sports; affiliate membership is open to any interested individual.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees are charged for publications and for use or purchase of audiovisuals. Members must pay an initiation fee and annual dues.

Notes: The National Wheelchair Athletic Association was founded in 1959, one year after the first National Wheelchair Games.

The costs of international competition for U.S. athletes and wheelchair sports demonstrations in the U.S. are financed by the United States Wheelchair Sports Fund, a philanthropic arm of NWAA. The Fund solicits, collects and receives money as donations to foster goodwill and understanding between the U.S. and other countries through international competitions and to promote the growth of wheelchair sports and recreation in the U.S.

NWAA sponsors an annual convention and exhibits, seminars, conferences and sports demonstrations. It works closely with the National Wheelchair Basketball Association in sending teams to international competition.

For information, contact the Chairperson at the above address.

NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

110 Seaton Center

University of Kentucky

Lexington, KY 40506

PHONE: 606-257-1523

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions in general or any severe permanent physical disability of the lower extremities, such as paralysis, amputation or spinal cord injury.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) is to provide opportunities on a national basis for physically disabled persons to participate in wheelchair basketball events and to maintain a high level of competition. NWBA governs member teams and conferences, refines playing rules and standardizes officiating and the development of new teams. Information is provided on wheelchair basketball competition, rules, regulations, statistics and standings, award winners and other aspects of the game. The Association also makes available information on starting new teams and on player eligibility.

SERVICES: NWLA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) distributes the Association's newsletter. Publications are an important part of the information services and include the following annuals: 1) a directory of conference officers, team representatives and approbated game officials, 2) a master schedule of all games and 3) a rules book. The NWBA STANDINGS AND STATISTICS REPORT is published weekly from November to March. Other data and special reports related to wheelchair basketball are published periodically. The Association provides conferences with the necessary forms for recording application and certification of players and officials.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association. Frequent inquirers are: 1) organizations of or for disabled persons, 2) wheelchair basketball team members or newly organized teams contemplating membership in NWBA and 3) students, practitioners and teachers in therapeutic recreation and adapted physical education. Membership is open to persons with severe permanent physical disability of the lower extremities. A classification system was introduced in 1964 to counter a tendency among teams to recruit lesser disabled players. The system equalizes competition among teams, particularly in the form of a team balance rule that requires teams to have persons from various classes playing at one time.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Teams must pay a membership fee to the Association and players a minimal registration fee.

Notes: The National Wheelchair Basketball Association was founded in 1949 in Galesburg, Illinois at the conclusion of the first National Invitational Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. Currently, over 115 teams in the U.S. play in 21 conferences. The governing body of the NWBA is an elected Executive Committee of five members and a Commissioner who serves as its administrative agent and director for a five-year term.

The Association provides for the annual determination of a national championship team through the establishment of a graduated post season competition involving play-offs at the regional, sectional and national levels. The regional level involves play-offs between paired conferences in order to advance two teams to their corresponding sectional tournaments, of which there are four (Eastern, Southern, Midwest and Far West). The winner of each sectional tournament qualifies for the national tournament, a single elimination play-off similar to that of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Annual awards are presented to the All-National Tournament Team, the most valuable player and the most sportsmanlike player in the tournament. Wheelchair basketball is played according to NCAA rules. An annual meeting is held in conjunction with the national tournament.

For information, write the Commissioner, Dr. Stan Labanowich, at the above address.

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY
549 Millburn Avenue
Short Hills, NJ 07078
PHONE: 201-376-4903

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: New Eyes for the Needy is a volunteer organization whose sole purpose is to help provide better vision for the poor the world over. New Eyes solicits metal frames in any condition, unbroken plastic frames with single-vision lenses, sunglasses, brown artificial

eyes, cataract lenses, soft cases and precious metal scrap such as old watches, any real, costume or antique jewelry, dentures with bits of gold, silverware, etc. Proceeds from the sale of these metals are used to provide new prescription eyeglasses and artificial eyes for the needy in the United States to whom no other funds, public or private, are available. The organization also sends reusable plastic eyeglasses to missions and hospitals overseas, on request.

SERVICES: Funds for new prescription glasses and artificial eyes have been established in 93 hospitals and agencies in 34 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Quotas of new glasses and artificial eyes are guaranteed in 82 agencies in 28 States and the District of Columbia. By various arrangements, New Eyes pays for glasses in 48 States for screened patients to whom no other private or public funds are available. New Eyes sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets concerning its operation to any lay or professional inquirer and answers individual inquiries by letter.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional inquirer may request information from New Eyes. Frequent inquirers include those who wish to help by collecting used eye glasses and professionals who want to know how they can aid a client in obtaining eye glasses.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: New Eyes for the Needy was founded in 1932 by the late Mrs. Arthur Terry of Short Hills, New Jersey. After her death in 1947, the Junior Service League of Short Hills assumed full responsibility. In 1958, due to growth and need for expansion, New Eyes became a community project. New Eyes is endorsed by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Fight for Sight, Inc. and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. For information, contact New Eyes by letter.

NORTH AMERICAN RIDING FOR THE HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION, INC.
P.O. Box 100
Ashburn, VA 22011
PHONE: 703-777-3540

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA) was formed to act as an advisory and controlling body for horseback riding programs for the handicapped in the United States. NARHA seeks to: 1) establish standards and techniques for teaching horseback riding to handicapped individuals, 2) provide appropriate manuals for those interested in starting programs, 3) advise and certify existing programs, 4) approve training programs and provide certification of instructors planning to work with handicapped individuals, 5) maintain contact with members of the medical profession in order to insure the safety and well-being of handicapped riders, 6) gain

approval and recognition of riding as a valuable therapeutic activity, 7) make periodic inspection of those centers in operation and visit smaller programs regularly, 8) provide experienced consultants for lectures and discussions and 9) promote responsible research and make the resulting data available.

SERVICES: NARHA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 3) provides films (for one, the film "Exceptional Equestrians"), 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests and 6) sends the organization's newsletter on request. Since NARHA's membership includes organizations that have horseback riding programs for the handicapped, NARHA can refer individuals to local programs.

User Eligibility: NARHA is a membership organization; however, information is provided to any inquirer, lay, professional or organizational.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. There is a charge for the organization's newsletter and for all bibliographies, indexes or abstracts.

Membership fees vary depending on the type of membership desired.

Notes: The North American Riding for the Handicapped Association was founded in 1969. Over 30 programs, located in Canada and the United States, are recognized by NARHA, including the Cheff Center for the Handicapped, one of the largest facilities in the world devoted to teaching horseback riding to handicapped individuals and training future instructors.

NARHA attempts to be aware of current research on horseback riding for handicapped individuals. In addition, the organization helps to "pave the way" for acceptance of horseback riding as recreational therapy for handicapped individuals. The Association also helps member programs obtain liability and other insurance by offering it at reduced rates.

NARHA does not have a national office per se, but has divided the country into eight regions with regional directors. Mr. Leonard Warner, the Secretary-Vice President of the Association, is the best initial contact. He may be reached by mail at the above address. His home phone also listed above; his office phone is 703-471-1621.

OFFICE OF DEMOGRAPHIC STUDIES Gallaudet College
Florida Avenue & Seventh Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002
PHONE: 202-447-0301

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Office of Demographic Studies (ODS) and its Annual Survey of Hearing Impaired Children and Youth provides information and data-oriented services which can assist in improving and expanding the educational opportunities available to hearing impaired persons. To develop this information and provide these services, ODS attempts to collect data on the entire hearing impaired population through college age in the United States. This population includes those who are receiving special educational services related to their hearing impairment, those who have been diagnosed as hearing impaired but who are not receiving such special educational services, and those who are in fact hearing impaired but whose hearing loss has not yet been diagnosed. The work of the Office has concentrated, to date, on the individuals in the first group, those who are receiving special educational services relating to their hearing impairment.

SERVICES: ODS provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests and 5) permits on-site use of its holdings which include unpublished data collected by ODS. Publications are an important information source of ODS. The Office reports much of its own data in its publications series. Topics relative to the hearing impaired children and youth population include: 1) ethnic characteristics, 2) relationship of demographic variables to achievement, 3) emotional/behavioral problems, 4) additional handicapping conditions, 5) further studies in achievement testing, 6) reported causes of hearing loss, 7) studies in achievement testing, 8) demographic characteristics--summary, 9) achievement test national results, 10) State identification audiometry programs, 11) achievement test item analysis, 12) characteristics of children under six, 13) audiological examination results, 14) summary of selected characteristics, 15) type and size of educational programs, 16) handicaps, age at onset, other characteristics, 17) achievement test item analysis--1969 and 18) achievement test national results--1969. A core of eight basic variables is maintained on a yearly basis (birthdate, sex, ethnic background, type of educational program, cause of hearing loss, age at onset of hearing loss, degree of hearing loss and additional handicapping conditions. In addition, reporting also takes the form of articles submitted for publication in professional journals, reports made of professional meetings and conventions and lectures or seminars at university training programs.

The Office also provides each participating educational program with tabulations of the characteristics of its own students, as compared with national distributions and with other significant distributions such as those for the State or region in which the program is located. Programs wishing to obtain punch cards or magnetic tape compilations of data on their programs for further analysis are provided with these materials. Standard Record Forms are available from the Office, as are consulting services of the staff.

The Test Department of ODS has completed three National Academic Achievement Testing programs, in 1969, 1971 and 1974. One result of the 1974 testing program has been the production of national norms for hearing impaired students based on a special version of the 1973 edition of the Stanford Achievement Test. The Test Department is able to supply the revised test materials to educational programs interested in using them to access their hearing impaired students.

Age: The data supplied by ODS concerns hearing impaired children and youth through college age, generally 0-21 years.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from ODS. The Office actively encourages the use of its information and services and the original data on which they are based by administrators, researchers, teachers and other professionals who are providing services to hearing impaired people, as well as by other individuals and groups devoted to improving the results of special education for hearing impaired persons.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Fees may be levied if services require extensive staff time, postage or other expenses.

Notes: For information, write ODS or telephone if necessary. (phone number above is for TTY also.) Any extensive request should be in writing. Address is as above.

Oral Deaf Adults

See: ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF

ORTON SOCIETY

8415 Bellona Lane

Towson, MD 21204

PHONE: 301-296-0232

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: The condition which is commonly called specific developmental dyslexia, or simply dyslexia. It is often known also as specific language disability, strephosymbolia, or word blindness and by many other names.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Orton Society is a national, nonprofit, scientific and educational association devoted to the study, treatment and prevention of the problems of dyslexia. Individuals with the condition are unable to learn and use language skills in a manner consistent with their intellectual and social potential. The Society provides general information about the condition, as well as information in the following areas: 1) education, including formal education of dyslexic individuals and education of personnel who deal with them, 2) psycho-social services and 3) research.

SERVICES: The Society provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) sends its newsletter, 6) provides films or other audiovisuals and 7) permits on-site use of its holdings by the inquirer.

User Eligibility: The Orton Society is a membership organization; however, information is provided to any interested individual. The membership includes educators, doctors, psychologists, parents and others interested in helping individuals with language learning problems.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge; however, fees are charged for films and other audiovisuals and for previously prepared bibliographies, indexes and abstracts. There is a membership fee. Members receive discounts on the Society's publications and special rates of admission to conference events.

Notes: The Orton Society was founded in 1949, and named in honor of Dr. Samuel T. Orton, a pioneer in the field of dyslexia. According to the Society, it is the only national organization devoted exclusively to helping individuals with this condition. The philosophy of the Society does not permit the support of any "official" system or systems of remedial education. Instead, the Society believes that understanding the individual's needs leads to systematic thoroughness, rather than to a prescribed system of treatment. It further believes that the Society's effectiveness lies in the sharing of interest and endeavor among professionals and lay people on matters relating to the problems of language learning disabilities. Membership in the Society does not constitute a professional accreditation nor does it certify personal qualifications for work in this field.

The Society has a lending library and information on studies dealing with prevention and treatment of specific language disabilities. A national conference is held each fall. The organization has 20 chapters which exist in various major cities of the U.S.

The preferred procedure for requesting information from the Society is to inquire by letter, giving full detailed information about the situation. Inquiry by phone or a site visit is also acceptable.

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA
7315 Wisconsin Avenue
Suite 300W
Washington, DC 20014
PHONE: 301-652-2135

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Paralysis, particularly due to spinal cord injury or disease; also medical problems secondary to spinal cord injury, such as bladder and kidney dysfunction.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) is a national organization of paralyzed veterans established to: 1) further technological advances in rehabilitative methods and devices, 2) support research on cures for spinal cord injury and disease and 3) support improved programs of medicine, rehabilitation and social integration not only for veterans, but for all spinal cord injury afflicted individuals.

PVA is a source of information on spinal cord injuries and on the following areas relative to spinal cord injury and disease: 1) education and training of personnel dealing with persons with spinal cord injury, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of spinal cord injured employees and employment of personnel dealing with spinal cord injured persons, 3) housing, 4) transportation, 5) health, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 6) income maintenance/security, 7) recreation/physical education, 8) activities of daily living, 9) equipment/special devices/aids, 10) civil rights/legislation and 11) research.

SERVICES: PVA functions as an information center for both members and nonmembers. It provides the following services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 3) distributes the organization's journal, 4) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 5) prepares bibliographies, abstracts or indexes in response to certain individual requests. Lay inquirers are also referred to other information centers or direct service providers and provided with films or other audiovisuals on request. Professionals are provided with previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and permitted on-site use of the organization's holdings.

PVA publishes PARAPLEGIA NEWS, a monthly magazine of information and entertainment for members and other interested persons. Other materials are also produced; of interest are: 1) AN INTRODUCTION TO PARAPLEGIA, an explanation in lay terms, 2) WHEELCHAIR KITCHENS and WHEELCHAIR BATHROOMS, descriptive guides to planning a functional environment and 3) WHEN TURNING WHEELS STOP, a guide to accessible restaurants, motels and other facilities. The association also distributes materials of interest produced by other organizations. PVA conducts continuous programs of public education aimed at employers and others and has developed materials supportive of these programs.

User Eligibility: Although PVA is a membership organization, any lay or professional person may request information. Spinal cord injured veterans use the information services most frequently.

Membership is open to all honorably discharged veterans, 18 years of age or older, who have incurred an injury or disease affecting the spinal cord and causing paralysis.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees are charged for membership, unaffiliated subscription to the journal and for some publications.

Notes: The Paralyzed Veterans of America was founded in 1947 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1971. It is charged with the responsibility of representing veterans in their claims before the U.S. Veterans Administration. PVA is a federation of autonomous local chapters which cooperate with the national organization to present a unified voice for improved veterans benefits and to support goals such as barrier-free design and beneficial legislation.

PVA's service program assists the veteran in the following areas: 1) the hospital, assuring the veteran of the highest quality medical and rehabilitation treatment, 2) housing, locating suitable apartments and other residential accommodations, advising members of the purchase or building of homes and influencing design of new housing, 3) transportation, establishing standards for special equipment and instigating driver education programs, 4) education and training, working with Federal, State and local agencies to expand services, 5) employment, maintaining a survey of members employment situations and seeking prospective employers, 6) adjudication of claims before government agencies, 7) social integration, arranging entertainment, sports and travel opportunities and 8) legislation, supporting legislation to assist all disabled individuals.

PVA established a Technology and Research Foundation to review requests for funding, award grants and coordinate research activities in the areas of clinical spinal cord research and innovative technological devices to assist wheelchair confined persons. The Foundation maintains liaisons with the Veterans Administration, Rehabilitation Services Administration (DHEW) and the National Institutes of Health and is informed of their activities in spinal cord injury research.

PVA sponsors special service seminars and training courses and convenes an annual meeting. It maintains membership in Rehabilitation International, the World Veterans Foundation and other related national and international agencies and is affiliated with the National Paraplegia Foundation.

For information, write the national headquarters at the above address.

Parkinson Diagnostic, Health Services, Rehabilitation Institute

See: NATIONAL PARKINSON FOUNDATION

PARKINSON'S DISEASE FOUNDATION, INC.

William Black Medical Research Building

Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center

640 W. 168th Street

New York, NY 10032

PHONE: 212-923-4700

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Parkinson's disease.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Parkinson's Disease Foundation promotes research into the cause, prevention, treatment and cure of Parkinson's

disease. The Foundation provides general information to patients and physicians on all aspects of the disease including rehabilitation.

SERVICES: For the lay and professional inquirer, the Foundation provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and 3) provides films and other audiovisuals. The lay inquirer is also referred to other information centers or direct service providers, when necessary, and sent brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets on request.

Age: Parkinson's disease generally affects elderly persons; however, the Foundation has information about the disease occurring at any age.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Parkinson's Disease Foundation was founded in 1957. It supports the Parkinson Research Laboratories in the William Black Research Building at Columbia University for research in neuropharmacology, neurophysiology, neuropathology and neurovirology. The Foundation awards research grants to investigators at Columbia and other universities and grants fellowships for doctoral and postdoctoral investigation. In addition, it sponsors symposia where scientists from the United States, Europe and the Orient present findings of their long-term studies in Parkinsonism. Proceedings from these symposia and other reports are published and distributed to all medical practitioners and institutions requesting them. In 1960, the Foundation established a registry of Parkinson patients and a Brain Bank at Columbia University Medical School. Brains are donated by deceased Parkinson patients. The Bank is designed to provide scientists an opportunity to study anatomical and chemical changes in the brain associated with Parkinson's disease. For information, contact Ms. Marianthe Pappas, Administrative Assistant.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE Committee for the Handicapped
LaSalle Bldg.
Suite #610
Connecticut Avenue & L Street
Washington, DC 20036
PHONE: 202-785-0755

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Committee for the Handicapped of the People to People Program was formed to supply United States information about handicapping conditions and programs for handicapped individuals to

persons overseas. In addition, the Committee undertakes tasks for the White House and works closely with other Federal Government agencies and private organizations serving handicapped individuals. The Committee provides information in the following areas: 1) general information about disabling conditions, 2) education, including formal education of handicapped individuals and education of personnel dealing with them, 3) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training and rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the handicapped employee, especially affirmative action, 4) transportation, 5) rehabilitation (health), 6) recreation/physical education, 7) equipment/special devices/aids and 8) civil rights/legislation. The Committee is particularly interested in sharing information internationally among countries and in providing U.S. organizations with information needed to help them comply with affirmative action programs.

SERVICES: The Committee provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) sends the organization's newsletter. Lay inquirers are also referred to other information centers or direct service providers.

A special service of the Committee is the publication of the DIRECTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN THE HANDICAPPED. This Directory contains lists and abstracts of organizations concerned with the techniques, training, treatment, devices and procedures utilized to help handicapped individuals help themselves. It is routinely distributed by the U.S. Department of Labor to Federal contractors as an excellent resource for helping the contractors locate qualified work-ready handicapped individuals to assist the contractors in complying with affirmative action programs. The Directory also serves as a source of professional assistance in the development of accommodations to assist in the employment of handicapped individuals.

In addition, the Committee publishes SUCCESSFUL DISABLED PERSONS INTERNATIONAL which contains success stories of handicapped individuals worldwide.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Committee; the Committee also serves foreign officials.

Fees: All information, including the Directory, is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Committee for the Handicapped was formed by President Eisenhower as part of the 1956 People to People recruitment. In its role as liaison with other organizations, the Committee frequently works with the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, Goodwill Industries and the National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, among others.

For information, contact the Committee's Chairperson, John Twiname at the above address.

PERKINS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
175 N. Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02172
PHONE: 617-924-3434

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments and deaf-blind. May include the following additional handicaps: moderate and mild mental retardation, mild emotional disturbance, moderate orthopedic disability, language and speech disorders, learning disabilities and uncomplicated brain damage.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Perkins School for the Blind was founded for the purpose of educating blind and deaf-blind children. It is committed to developing each pupil's maximum potential, physical, mental, social and spiritual being and preparing him/her for productive life in the community, independently or within the family circle. The School also cooperates with Boston College in training programs for teachers of blind and deaf-blind children.

The School is a source of information in the following areas: 1) education, including formal education of blind and deaf-blind children (elementary and secondary levels) and education of personnel working with them, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, job counseling and employment of personnel working with blind or deaf-blind persons, 3) health services, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 4) psychological counseling and other social services, such as homemaking, 5) recreation/physical education and 6) activities of daily living.

SERVICES: Perkins offers an extensive educational program, including academic subjects, music, arts and crafts, industrial arts, vocational training, physical education, competitive athletics, home economics, home and personal management, mobility, daily living skills, physical therapy, speech therapy, recreation, social experiences both on and off the campus, piano tuning and repair and commercial subjects. The School carries out its programs at its own facilities and through other agencies which offer opportunities in a child's own community, such as summer courses and summer camps. Perkins provides individual attention where needed; classes are small and the teacher-pupil ratio very high. An extensive diagnostic and evaluation program helps place pupils in a correct grade and reveals possible needs for change. Considerable emphasis is placed on career education and on preparing students for adult living. Students of all ages live on campus and are provided with opportunities for part-time training employment by staff families. The School also offers part-time training experience in maintenance work both indoors and outdoors. In addition, the Industrial Arts Department provides work opportunities through subcontract work from nearby factories and arranges for part-time employment of some pupils in nearby factories.

Although Perkins is a private school, its endowment permits it to engage in a program of public education to help society in preparing to accept blind youths, whether they come from Perkins or elsewhere. An extensive program has been carried out in the last few years aimed at public

public education through the production of films and dissemination of literature, including brochures, pamphlets and books. Requests for information on the psychology of blindness are answered for any lay or professional person. The Research Library is also open to anyone for on-site use. THE LANTERN, a quarterly, carries news of the School, changes in program and student achievement.

Age: Direct services are restricted to legally blind or deaf-blind individuals ages 5-25. Information provided, outside of information about the School's program, does not pertain to any specific age group of blind or deaf-blind persons; however, information is strong on blindness in the age group served by the School.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information on the School and its programs. Students applying for admission must be legally blind or deaf-blind. The majority of students are from Massachusetts and New England; however, Perkins accepts students from all over the United States and abroad.

Fees: Requests for information on blind psychology are answered free of charge. There are fees for some publications. Rental fees are charged for some films; most are provided free. Perkins is a private institution and tuition is charged; however, it is usually paid for by a local or State agency.

Notes: The Perkins School for the Blind was chartered in 1829. For its Teacher Training program, offered in cooperation with Boston College, scholarships covering tuition and living expenses are awarded by the School to outstanding applicants.

The School's Howe Press produces braille books and other materials and a variety of appliances, including the Perkins Brailier, a typewriter for braille. A price list of Howe Press products, including books, maps and appliances is available on request.

The Research Library is a comprehensive collection on education, psychology, technical research, psychological testing, and counseling and guidance of blind and deaf-blind persons. There is also a historical museum. The School functions as the cooperating regional library for the Library of Congress Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and distributes braille and talking books throughout Massachusetts.

For information, write to the School at the above address.

Physical Education and Recreation for the Handicapped:
Information and Research Utilization Center

See: AMERICAN ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION

PILOT DOGS, INC.
625 W. Town Street
Columbus, OH 43215
PHONE: 614-221-6367

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Pilot Dogs, Inc. is the training center of the Pilot Guide Dog Foundation of Chicago, Illinois. Its purpose is to train suitable guide dogs and their masters and to provide these training services to any eligible blind person free of charge.

SERVICES: Successful applicants for guide dogs are flown to Columbus, Ohio for a four-week training session, during which they learn to cope with every conceivable hazard or obstacle they are apt to encounter in their own communities and home surroundings. The Pilot House (the training center) is located in a residential area, six blocks from downtown Columbus. The students begin their training in this area and progress to the downtown streets of Columbus where they engage in the everyday activities of the city. Students learn to board and disembark buses, ride escalators, use telephone booths, shop in stores etc., in addition to negotiating normal street traffic. All obstacles are real; no obstacle courses are used in the training of the dog or the team.

Pilot Dogs, Inc. has its own guide dog training program. German shepherds, Doberman pinschers, boxers and Labrador retrievers are accepted for training from private owners and must be between the ages of 12 to 30 months; females are preferred.

The Pilot Guide Dog Foundation is the primary information unit of the operation; information services provided to lay and professional inquirers include: 1) answers to inquiries by phone or letter, 2) referral of inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) distribution of brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) provision of films or other audiovisuals. In addition, the Foundation is the major fund raiser for Pilot Dogs, Inc.

Pilot Dogs, Inc. distributes information about its own facilities and accepts and screens applicants. A special booklet "Training Your Pilot Guide Dog Puppy" is available to those individuals interested in contributing a dog for training.

Age: Youngsters must be mature enough to receive a guide dog, usually around 17 years of age. An older person must be strong enough physically to handle a guide dog.

User Eligibility: An applicant must be in good physical condition, emotionally stable, mentally alert, of good character and must show a strong personal desire to learn to work with a guide dog. Generally, the most successful applicants are those who have had cane travel and who have led active lives. There is a training priority dependent on dog availability. First priority is given those individuals who must have a dog to continue or to gain employment; second priority is to students and housewives; third priority is to individuals of a retirement age.

Fees: The Pilot Guide Dog Foundation assumes all expenses relative to obtaining a guide dog, including the cost of the dog, three months' training of the dog, four weeks training of the dog and master team, round trip transportation to and from the student's home, usually by air, and the student's room and board during the training period. Information services are also free of charge.

Notes: The Pilot Guide Dog Foundation was founded in 1945 and incorporated in Illinois in 1950; Pilot Dogs, Inc. was incorporated in Ohio in 1950. The Foundation's primary method of fund raising is it's Vets Pet Food Label Coupon Redemption Program. Through this program, developed by Perk Foods Co., the Foundation redeems coupons sent to it by individuals buying Vets Pet Foods. All proceeds from this program are used to finance the acquisition and training of guide dogs and their masters.

Information about the Foundation may be obtained by writing or calling the Foundation directly at 33 E. Congress Pkwy., Chicago, IL 60605, 312-922-7081. Information on training facilities and application procedures is best obtained by writing or calling Pilot Dogs, Inc. in Columbus.

PROFESSIONAL REHABILITATION WORKERS WITH THE ADULT DEAF

814 Thayer Avenue

Silver Spring, MD 20910

PHONE: 301-589-0880

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purposes of the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf (PRWAD) are to: 1) promote the development and expansion of professional rehabilitation services for adult-deaf persons, 2) provide a forum and a common meeting ground to bring about an understanding of deaf people by encouraging students, professional persons and laypersons to develop more than a superficial understanding of the needs and problems of this group (problems particularly focused on include those related to communication techniques needed to work effectively with adult deaf persons in a rehabilitation setting), 3) promote and encourage scientific research into the needs and problems engendered by deafness which inhibit the successful overall functioning of a deaf person, 4) promote and develop recruitment and training of professional workers with deaf persons, 5) sponsor a professional publication for the promotion of inter and intra-disciplinary communication among professionals primarily concerned with deaf adults and others interested in such activities and 6) cooperate with other organizations concerned with deafness, deaf persons and rehabilitation and allied services in promoting and encouraging legislation pertinent to the development of professional services and facilities for adult deaf individuals.

SERVICES: PRWAD provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

The organization's quarterly journal, JOURNAL OF REHABILITATION OF THE DEAF, provides professional workers in all disciplines with a forum in which issues, topics, research findings and other information relevant to working with deaf clients may be discussed.

A newsletter is published periodically.

Age: PRWAD concerns itself with adult deaf persons.

User Eligibility: Although PRWAD is a membership organization, any lay or professional person may request information. However, the organization is primarily interested in addressing the information needs of professionals; certain services are limited to members. Membership is open to rehabilitation counselors, social workers, psychologists, audiologists, speech therapists, educators of adult deaf persons, research personnel, staff of professional training centers and professionals in allied fields who provide services on behalf of deaf adults.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. There is a charge for membership. Fees for publications vary.

Notes: The Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf was founded in May 1966 in St. Louis, Missouri. It was incorporated in Texas as a nonprofit organization in 1967. PRWAD sponsors a national conference biennially and special institutes and workshops on occasion.

For information, contact the organization at the above address.

Project on the Handicapped in Science

See: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

PSYCHOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INFORMATION SERVICES

American Psychological Association

1200 17th Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20036

PHONE: 202-833-7600

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental/emotional disorders in general and the psychological aspects of all handicapping conditions.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Psychological Abstracts Information Services (PsycINFO) is a family of interrelated information services that provides a variety of ways to access the world's literature in psychology and related behavioral and social sciences. PsycINFO consists of: 1) PsycINFO data base, 2) PSYCHOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS (PA) journal, 3) Three-Year Cumulative Indexes to PA, 4) THESAURUS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL INDEX TERMS, 5) PsycINFO USERS REFERENCE MANUAL, 6) PADAT (PA Direct Access Terminal), 7) PATELL (PA Tape Edition Lease or Licensing) and 8) PASAR (PA Search and Retrieval). The data base provides general psychological information as well as information on rehabilitation, psycho-social services and research.

SERVICES: Information services provided by PsycINFO are generally used by professionals. Publications are a substantial part of the services available; of these, PSYCHOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS journal, published since 1927, is a comprehensive monthly compilation of nonevaluative summaries of the world's scientific literature in psychology and related disciplines. PA's VOLUME INDEX, an expanded subject and integrated author

index, is published twice a year. The Three-Year Cumulative Indexes to PA contains author and subject indexes for all entries in the PA journal for 1969-1971 and 1972-1974. Previous Indexes to 1927 are also available. The THESAURUS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL INDEX TERMS supplies a hierarchically structured vocabulary of 4,000 terms and term relationships used in psychology and related disciplines.

Various computer automated operations also provide information services. PADAT (PA Direct Access Terminal) allows researchers, teachers and administrators conducting information searches on a computer terminal in their own facilities to directly interact with the PsycINFO data base. Through PATELL, magnetic tapes of PsycINFO records are annually leased or licensed to institutions for use by information analysts and dissemination centers. PASAR is a retrospective search and retrieval service. Information specialists at Psychological Abstracts examine an individual's information request, develop a search strategy to effectively search the PsycINFO data base to best satisfy the individual's information need and mail printouts of the results to the individual. A USERS REFERENCE MANUAL has been developed to assist the researcher of either the printed journal or the data base file. Brochures about the PsycINFO services are also furnished on request.

User Eligibility: The PsycINFO services are most useful to professionals. Services of PATELL are restricted to institutions that enter into the appropriate Lease or License agreement. An organization must have access to its own terminal to permit its use of PADAT.

Fees: Fees vary according to the services or publications requested. Brochures about the service are provided free of charge.

Special Information Services: The PsycINFO data base is the foundation of all the publications and computer services offered by PsycINFO. Developed and maintained by the American Psychological Association, it contains nonevaluative summaries of the world's literature in psychology and related disciplines published in the PSYCHOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS journal from 1967 to the present. Each year PsycINFO scans materials from over 850 periodicals and about 1,500 books, technical reports and monographs. The materials selected for inclusion in the data base are original, published contributions to the field of psychology. In addition, relevant information from DISSERTATION ABSTRACTS INTERNATIONAL (DAI) is provided. The data base is updated monthly with the publication of PSYCHOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS journal. Articles from periodicals are abstracted; books are cited, with an annotation if the title is not definitive. Separates (i.e. technical reports, monographs, etc.) are cited, annotated or abstracted according to their relevance to the behavioral and social science community. Relevant dissertations from DAI are always cited.

Notes: Psychological Abstracts Information Services is owned by the American Psychological Association.

For general information, call or write PsycINFO at the above address.

QUOTA INTERNATIONAL
1828 L Street, N.W.
Suite 908
Washington, DC 20036
PHONE: 202-331-9694

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments and communicative impairments as they relate to deafness.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Quota International, Inc. is an international organization of 14,000 professional and business women united in clubs in various nations, whose service project is to assist deaf and speech handicapped persons. Each club is an autonomous unit and works on local area problems, with emphasis on the above handicapping conditions. Quota provides information on its own services and some general information on deafness and speech impairment. Particular areas of concern are the formal education of deaf or speech impaired individuals and the education of personnel working with them.

SERVICES: For the lay inquirer, Quota International provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) provides films or other audiovisuals. Professional inquirers are referred to other information centers or direct service providers when necessary.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the organization. Quota International is a membership organization; however, information services are not restricted to members.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. There is a fee for the use of films or other audiovisuals.

Notes: Quota International is composed of 450 local clubs in the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and the Philippines. Its service project, Shatter Silence, is designed to educate the general public in the problems of deafness. The project is supported by the Quota International Charitable and Educational Foundation, established in 1974 to promote, encourage and sponsor public progress and activities which are exclusively charitable and educational. Quota also has an international fellowship fund which provides fellowships at Gallaudet College for deaf students or for students preparing to work with the deaf. Local Quota clubs also engage in community work with youth groups, senior citizens, law enforcement agencies, environmental and drug abuse programs. For information, contact the organization's Executive Director at the above telephone number or cable Quotinal.

RAMBLING TOURS, INC.
P.O. Box 1304
Hallandale, FL 33009
PHONE: 305-921-2161

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Physical handicaps that limit mobility, such as musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions in general and neurological disorders in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of Rambling Tours, Inc. is to bring the pleasure of travel to persons who are physically disabled. The emphasis is on a slow pace. Tours generally last from two to three weeks and include trips to Europe, North Africa, Central America and other locations. Travel and sightseeing plans are carefully laid to offer travelers a complete, varied and leisurely program.

SERVICES: To persons who wish to learn more about opportunities for travel with the group, Rambling Tours offers the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 3) sends the organization's newsletter. Travel groups are usually limited to 32 passengers plus a competent staff. The staff includes at least one Rambling Tour director, professional local guides and licensed tour drivers. In addition, competent staff attendants accompany each group throughout the ground portion of a tour unless otherwise specified in the itinerary. Brochures describing future tours are available on request.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from Rambling Tours.

Any person is welcome to participate in the tours; they are not exclusively for disabled persons. Disabled participants must be able to manage their personal needs and to maneuver their wheelchairs without assistance for reasonable distances on level surfaces. Persons who require partial aid with their personal needs may obtain assistance from the tour staff for a nominal charge. Persons requiring considerable assistance must bring an attendant or arrange for one through Rambling Tours.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Tour costs vary considerably, depending on destination, duration, etc.

Notes: Rambling Tours, Inc. began in Montreal in 1969. For information on tours contact the organization at the above address.

RECORDING FOR THE BLIND, INC.
215 E. 58th Street
New York, NY 10022
PHONE: 212-751-0860

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments, as well as physical and perceptual handicaps which prevent an individual from

holding a book or turning the pages. These handicaps include brain and spinal cord injuries, dyslexia and related perceptual impediments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Recording for the Blind, Inc. (RFB) is a national service organization which supplies taped educational books in open reel and cassette form, free on loan, to visually, perceptually and physically handicapped students whose objective is to earn diplomas and academic degrees. RFB also serves blind and otherwise handicapped adults who require specialized aural educational material to maintain business and professional roles. RFB users include blind and reading-impaired students at primary, high school, college, graduate and postgraduate levels, in all 50 States.

SERVICES: RFB records new titles, on request, and stores master tapes of all existing titles in its central Master Tape Library in New York City. Individual tape copies are made from these masters as requested. As of 1976 RFB's library contained over 33,000 titles; an average of 350 newly recorded titles are added to the library each month. Eligible individuals may borrow tapes for an unlimited time period. Over 4,000 trained volunteers, including highly specialized and technical readers and proofreaders, tape new books at RFB's 29 coordinated recording centers in 15 States, and mail them to the student a section at a time.

In addition, RFB distributes a pamphlet, "Guide to Effective Study Through Listening" (an American Printing House for the Blind publication), to assist educators, counselors and others interested in aural study systems.

User Eligibility: To qualify for service, an individual must be legally blind or have a reading impairment due to physical or perceptual disability. The new borrower must complete an application form available from the Circulation Department at RFB.

Fees: All recordings are provided free, on loan, for as long as needed. The individual requesting new recordings must supply RFB with two print copies of each title to be recorded. If the borrower so desires, he or she will be reimbursed for one copy and the other will be returned when the recording is complete. Agencies that wish to retain tapes permanently are asked to defray the cost of producing master tapes.

Notes: Recording for the Blind began in 1948, when a few New York women began recording textbooks for blind veterans attending college under the G.I. Bill of Rights. It was incorporated in 1951 as a national voluntary agency designed to meet the need for spoken educational material at advanced levels.

According to RFB, the Library of Congress is the world's largest producer of "talking books" for the blind, but RFB is the major source of tape recorded textbooks; RFB's 33,000 plus titles make it the largest and most comprehensive resource of its kind. RFB users reportedly include virtually all the nation's blind college students and a large part of the blind high school population.

RFB's future plans include the completion by 1979 of a duplicate Master Tape Library stored in a disaster-proof vault, the computer automation of its book delivery system and full conversion from open-reel to cassette books.

For information, write the Circulation Department at the above address.

Red Cross

See: AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

REGISTRY OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF

P.O. Box 1339

Washington, DC 20013

PHONE: 202-447-0511

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Hearing impairments and deaf-blind.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (RID) is a national organization established to provide translating/interpreting services to the hearing impaired of the United States and its territories. The goals of the Registry are to: 1) recruit and educate persons to become interpreters and translators for the deaf, 2) periodically prepare, maintain and distribute a registry of accredited interpreters and translators, 3) develop uniformity and standardization of skills among interpreters and translators, 4) assist in developing the language of signs, 5) prepare a guideline of terminology applicable to the various aspects of interpreting and translating and 6) publish literature regarding the various aspects of interpreting and translating. RID strives to identify interpreters nationwide and to provide interpreting services when and where they are needed.

SERVICES: RID provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 3) refers inquirers to other information centers, especially local RID chapters which have information about local interpreting services. In addition, the Registry publishes a DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS, which lists members by States, certified members and chapter officers.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Registry. Frequent inquirers include hearing impaired individuals, agencies which have hearing impaired clients, the judicial system and service people who have hearing impaired clients.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge and relates to interpreters or interpreting.

Notes: The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf was established through a research and development grant in 1965 from the U.S. Rehabilitation Services Administration.

RID serves as the central coordinating agency for what is happening within the field of interpreting. With 56 chapters in 42 States and over 2,300 members, a communication network is established for transmission of information to the national office or out to the chapters.

RID certifies interpreters through a national evaluation program. Certificates awarded by the National Certification Board are valid for five years and are renewable. Certificates awarded are: 1) Expressive Training--the ability to translate from spoken to manual English verbatim, 2) Expressive Interpreting--the ability to use sign language with hearing impaired persons who possess various levels of language competence, 3) Reverse Skills--the ability to render (manually, orally or written) a hearing impaired person's message, 4) Comprehensive Skills--includes all of the aforementioned skills and 5) Legal Specialist Certificate--includes Comprehensive Skills plus specialized evaluation to qualify for interpreting in a variety of legal settings.

For information, contact the national office at the above address, or a local RID chapter.

REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL, USA
20 W. 40th Street
New York, NY 10018
PHONE: 212-869-9907

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Rehabilitation International U.S.A. (RIUSA) is an independent national voluntary organization which offers assistance to disabled persons worldwide by providing a link between the U.S. rehabilitation community and rehabilitation activities in other countries. It collects information on all developments in the field of rehabilitation from voluntary rehabilitation agencies in over 60 countries. Topics covered include: 1) education, including formal education of handicapped persons and education of personnel working with them, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of handicapped employees and employment of personnel working with handicapped persons, 3) housing, 4) transportation, 5) health, including prevention of disease, diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 6) psycho-social services, 7) income maintenance/security, 8) recreation/physical education, 9) activities of daily living, 10) equipment/special devices/aids and 11) civil rights/legislation.

Information emphasizes international rehabilitation.

SERVICES: RIUSA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) provides films

or other audiovisuals and 7) permits on-site use of its holdings. Because of the volume and broad scope of its information, RIUSA cannot always provide specific information on a particular topic and must refer the inquirer to the appropriate international agency. RIUSA publishes REHABILITATION/WORLD, a quarterly journal, reporting on new techniques, innovations and programs in other countries. It also distributes INTERNATIONAL REHABILITATION REVIEW, the official journal of Rehabilitation International, containing articles on all aspects of disability and rehabilitation of handicapped people throughout the world. Both journals are provided to members of RIUSA and others by subscription. RIUSA also has a strong film collection available for rental. In 1975, RIUSA began publishing the INTERNATIONAL FILM REVIEW CATALOG, consisting of new films which have been procured from other parts of the world, favorably reviewed by U.S. rehabilitation professionals and purchased for the RIUSA Film Library.

User Eligibility: Although RIUSA is a membership organization, any lay or professional person may request information. Certain special services are restricted to members, including free subscription to journals, special literature mailings and the right to attend annual meetings.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees are charged for film rental, journal subscription and membership.

Notes: Rehabilitation International U.S.A. is the U.S. affiliate of Rehabilitation International (RI) which was established in 1922. In addition to supplying information, RIUSA also assists in providing direct technical assistance to underdeveloped areas, participates in national and international conferences, provides services to international visitors to the U.S. and assists U.S. rehabilitation personnel in arranging their overseas itineraries. Through its Council of Organizations, RIUSA is able to provide the greatest expertise in each field to those requesting assistance. It also serves the various segments of the U.S. rehabilitation community by providing a centralized forum for voluntary and governmental agencies to coordinate their efforts.

RIUSA's holdings consist of back copies of its own publications, some 50 international journals and publications acquired through exchange and film holdings.

The organization has developed special files and directories of international film producers and distributors. In addition, as a result of contacts made in collecting material for REHABILITATION/WORLD, RIUSA has developed a comprehensive listing of publications and information services in the international rehabilitation area. Through its status as an affiliate of RI, RIUSA also has access to the Rehabilitation International Information Service in Heidelberg, Germany.

RIUSA is in the process of developing a worldwide information system on employment practices for handicapped individuals and a systematized travel service in the U.S. for disabled visitors from foreign countries.

For information, write the organization at the above address.

RESEARCH TO PREVENT BLINDNESS
598 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022
PHONE: 212-752-4333

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Research to Prevent Blindness (RPB) provides general information on blindness/visual impairments and information on research into the causes of blindness. RPB's primary objective is to help finance scientific research on the causes, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of blinding diseases.

SERVICES: RPB provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers certain inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 5) distributes RPB's newsletter.

User Eligibility: Information is provided to any lay or professional person. RPB is particularly interested in stimulating eye research and in alerting the public and Congress to the need for funding eye research.

Fees: Information is provided free of charge.

Notes: Research to Prevent Blindness directly finances research and sponsors a number of related programs. Annually, RPB awards unrestricted grants to almost 50 departments of ophthalmology, providing them with fluid funds to support a wide range of research programs. RPB has provided funds for the development of innovative techniques, such as laser treatment, cryosurgery, microsurgery, electronic tonography, vitreous surgery and therapeutic use of contact lenses. It assists qualified institutions in building needed eye research facilities by underwriting management for construction campaigns. Incentives are provided to attract scientists to eye research through annual awards and programs: 1) RPB Research Professorships, 2) RPB William Friedkin Scholars Award, 3) RPB Manpower Awards, 4) International Eye Research Scholars Program and 5) RPB Visiting Professors Program. The \$25,000 RPB Trustees Award for Outstanding Ophthalmic Achievement is given when outstanding work merits such recognition. Biannually, RPB sponsors a National Science Writers Seminar in Ophthalmology at which prominent visual scientists participate in panel discussions and are interviewed by representatives of major news media. This is RPB's major national and international information endeavor. RPB has constant contact with Congress and regularly provides expert testimony before appropriations committees. RPB is concerned with unmet research needs and strives not to duplicate the efforts of others, especially the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health. Therefore, it does

not support ophthalmic work through project and program grants, fellowships and other training programs. All grants applications must be made through chairpersons of departments of ophthalmology. For information, contact RPB at the above address.

Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation

See: NATIONAL RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA FOUNDATION

RUBELLA PROJECT

Roosevelt Hospital
428 W. 59th Street
New York, NY 10019
PHONE: 212-554-6565

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Rubella and congenital rubella and conditions resulting from rubella, i.e., blindness/visual impairments, deafness/hearing impairments, deaf-blindness, mental retardation, diabetes mellitus and other endocrine disorders in children with congenital rubella.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Rubella Project was established at Roosevelt Hospital Center for the study and dissemination of information concerning rubella, congenital rubella and rubella vaccines. The Project also provides direct comprehensive medical, educational counseling and allied services to approximately 600 children with congenital rubella in the New York Metropolitan area.

SERVICES: The Rubella Project provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

Age: The information provided pertains to children, newborn through 21 years of age.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Project. Frequent inquirers include individuals serving deaf, blind, deaf-blind and mentally retarded persons, patients and their families, news media and governmental agencies.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees are levied for certain requests for information requiring a letter reply, such as medical information requested by insurance companies or other profit-making organizations. Fees for direct services vary and are based on hospital rates.

Notes: The Rubella Project, established in 1965 at New York University Medical Center and now located at the Roosevelt Hospital, is a component of the Developmental Disabilities Center of the Roosevelt Hospital. The Center is a multidisciplinary program of services for

more than 2000 handicapped children in the New York Metropolitan area. The Roosevelt Hospital is an affiliate institution of Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, and the Senior staff have full-time faculty appointments at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University.

According to the Project, it is the largest known longitudinal service and research program for children with congenital rubella and their families.

For information, contact Barbara Fedun at the above address.

RUTH RUBIN FELDMAN NATIONAL ODD SHOE EXCHANGE
1415 Ocean Front
Santa Monica, CA 90401
PHONE: 213-394-8746

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Polio or other foot disorders or diseases and amputation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Ruth Rubin Feldman National Odd Shoe Exchange acts as a clearinghouse to bring together those persons with mutual shoe problems and to aid them in securing serviceable shoes from those in similar situations who have them to exchange. The Exchange is the only service of its kind serving individuals with any type of shoe problem, not just amputees.

SERVICES: The Exchange does not deal with shoes, but with the names of persons of similar ages and tastes in shoe styles who are seeking people with whom to exchange unneeded shoes or mismatched pairs of shoes. Individuals register their shoe data, sizes, widths and styles, and when the exact opposites are discovered, they are notified. Individuals make their own arrangements for the disposal of shoes they have now and for the purchase of future pairs.

A brochure about this service is available on request.

User Eligibility: Any individual requiring this service may register with the Exchange.

Fees: An annual membership fee of \$5.00 is required to register with the Exchange. The individual assumes all costs incurred in making the actual exchange.

Notes: The Ruth Rubin Feldman National Odd Shoe Exchange was founded by Ruth C. Rubin (now Ruth Rubin Feldman) in St. Louis, Missouri as an answer to her own shoe problem created by polio.

For information, write Ruth Rubin Feldman, Director, at the above address. The phone number is not practical for general use.

SCIENCE FOR THE BLIND PRODUCTS
221 Rock Hill Road
Bala-Cynwyd, PA 19004
PHONE: 215-664-9429

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Science for the Blind Products (SFB) is a profit-making company with several functions: 1) the development and manufacture of special instruments for blind persons, 2) the sale of these instruments and other special aids and materials for blind and visually limited individuals and 3) the sale of general mail-order merchandise through sound sheet or audio catalogs, which allow persons unable to read print to have access to items available to sighted persons by mail-order.

SERVICES: Science for the Blind Products provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter and 2) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. Information disseminated is primarily on the services and products of the organization. Free listings of products are available on request. Instruments for sale may be applicable to business, profession, hobby or home use.

Examples of products available are: audicators (a sound source which performs a variety of operations including alerting a blind individual to flashing phone lights, liquid levels, etc.), aud-a-balls, calcu-tacs (calculators with braille printouts), braille clocks and other items. SFB is often called upon to assist with fabrication or adaptation of tools or instruments for specific job applications. Often an instrument can be modified, or standard industry tools can be brailled or adapted for use by visually limited persons.

A bound, comprehensive print catalog containing abridged instructions and complete specifications for all special instruments, and descriptive material on all items sold by SFB is available. It is intended as a reference guide for agency and library use.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from SFB. State agencies involved in rehabilitation and human services request information most frequently.

Fees: Brochures, product listings and recorded catalogs are sent free of charge. Fees are charged for the comprehensive catalog and for products.

Notes: Science for the Blind Products was established in 1955 as a nonprofit organization. In 1973, it became a profit-making company, and its volunteer services were taken over by Volunteer Services for the Blind.

SFB personnel are available to provide consulting services to both agencies and individuals.

For information, call or write the organization at the above address.

SCOLIOSIS RESEARCH SOCIETY
Orange County Medical Center
101 S. Manchester
Orange, CA 91768
PHONE: 714-634-5759

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Scoliosis, kyphosis, other deformities of the vertebral spine and spinal cord injuries.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Scoliosis Research Society (SRS) is an international group of orthopedic surgeons and scientists in related fields who share an interest in research into the cause of scoliosis, methods of early detection and nonoperative and operative correction of the deformity. Within the past few years, the scope of the organization has been increased to include those involved in treating spinal deformities secondary to trauma. The Society's activities are primarily in the area of fostering research on scoliosis, kyphosis and spinal instrumentation. It is a source of information on diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and spinal orthotics. As an international group, the Society is aware of research work performed elsewhere on the selected anatomical area, excluding the lower back.

SERVICES: For lay inquirers, SRS will: 1) answer inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refer inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) send brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. Professionals, including researchers, are generally referred to other information sources where their particular information needs might be better satisfied.

A brochure, SCOLIOSIS...WHAT'S THAT?, provides a description of the condition; it is available in bulk from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. The Society is now preparing a booklet for the families of children with scoliosis and other interested individuals; the publication will be available within the year.

Age: Information and materials are primarily about the age group from birth to 20 years of age. Scoliosis is usually detected in the child before or during the beginning of the teenage years.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Society. The most frequent inquirers are handicapped individuals and their families and researchers.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. There is a charge for publications.

Notes: The Scoliosis Research Society was founded in 1966. It is an affiliate of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and maintains a close relationship with this group.

The Society convenes an annual meeting for the exchange of research data.

For information, write the Society at the above address.

Scouting for Handicapped Girls Program
See: GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A.,
SCOUTING FOR HANDICAPPED GIRLS PROGRAM

Second Sight--Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind
See: GUIDE DOG FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND

SEEING EYE
Washington Valley Road
Box 375
Morristown, NJ 07960
PHONE: 201-539-4425

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Seeing Eye, Inc. has four major purposes: 1) to train dogs guide blind persons, 2) to obtain dogs by purchase, gift, breeding or raising, 3) to teach instructors the science and technique of training dogs as guides for blind persons and 4) to teach blind persons the proper use and handling of the dog. The aim of the organization is to help blind individuals achieve independence through mobility. A secondary purpose is to support research being carried on in the fields of ophthalmology, veterinary medicine, rehabilitation and mobility and other projects benefitting blind people.

SERVICES: Seeing Eye trains blind persons in the use of a guide dog at its training facilities in Morristown, N.J. In classes of not more than six students, a blind person learns how to direct the guide dog, how to interpret the signals that can be felt through the leather harness handle and how to maneuver in city streets. Instructions are also given on how to groom the dog, keep it healthy and clean and keep it well fed at moderate cost. Individual needs of students, related to their home environment, are dealt with on a personal basis. If necessary, additional training will be given at home, after the formal class session has been completed. The staff also keeps in constant contact with graduates to assure the continued success of the team.

Seeing Eye conducts its own training and breeding program using mostly German shepherds, though other breeds, such as Labradors, golden retrievers and boxers are also used. When the puppies are ten to 12 weeks old, they are farmed out to 4-H Club children and raised in a home atmosphere. At approximately one year of age, the dogs are returned to Seeing Eye where they receive three months of training in the skills needed to be an effective guide dog.

Seeing Eye also sponsors a two-year on-the-job apprenticeship program to train qualified instructors. To qualify for this program, an individual must study animal psychology, learn to understand human nature and recognize the capabilities of blind people.

In addition to providing guide dogs, Seeing Eye also supplies a number of brochures with information on blind persons and their guide dogs

designed for airline personnel, employers, hospital personnel, colleges, rental agents and hotel staff. The organization also provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends previously prepared bibliographies, 4) provides films or other audiovisuals and 5) sends the organization's newsletter.

Age: The usual age limits for receiving a guide dog are between 16 and 55 years. Each applicant, however, is considered on an individual basis, and some who are older than 55 may be taken into training.

User Eligibility: The applicant must be in good physical and mental health (a medical report is required) and of good character. Desire and constructive purpose should be apparent. The Seeing Eye does not issue dogs to mendicants.

Any lay or professional person may request information from the organization.

Fees: Blind persons are asked to pay \$150.00 towards adjustment with the first dog.

This covers all equipment and a month's board and lodging at the school.

Transportation costs to and from Morristown are paid by Seeing Eye. No one is ever denied a guide dog because of lack of funds.

Information is provided free of charge, though there is a postage charge for films.

Notes: Seeing Eye, Inc. was founded in 1929 by Mrs. Dorothy Harrison Eustis in Nashville, Tennessee. Its present headquarters was built in 1965 in Morristown, New Jersey, 30 miles west of New York City. For information, call or write Seeing Eye at the above address.

SERTOMA FOUNDATION Sertoma Centers for Communicative Disorders
750 Montclair Road
Birmingham, Al 35213
PHONE: 205-591-6047

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments and communicative impairments in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Sertoma Foundation's principal objective is to expand service in the areas of speech, hearing and related disorders. The Foundation promotes the development of a planned network of regional and satellite centers and local speech and hearing programs to effectively expand the availability of vital services to those handicapped by communicative disorders. The Foundation also concerns itself with the environment, specifically as it relates to noise. Goals of the Foundation are the conservation of hearing through public emphasis on the critical need to understand our environment especially as it relates

to noise, and the involvement of clubs and members with existing qualified hearing and speech facilities.

SERVICES: The Foundation provides the following information services to the lay inquirer: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

User Eligibility: Information is particularly geared to satisfying the information needs of the lay inquirer, though other inquirers are also provided with available information.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Sertoma Foundation is an adjunct of Sertoma International, an organization of civic service clubs of business and professional men. The Foundation provides information and services in hearing and speech disorders and is a philanthropic organization founded to establish treatment centers for these disorders. The first of this network of centers has recently been opened in Birmingham, Alabama. It provides clinical services in hearing and speech including detection, screening, evaluation, therapy, counseling, rehabilitation and prevention.

For information, write the Foundation at the above address.

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE U.S. (SIECUS)
137-155 N. Franklin Street
Hempstead, NY 11550
PHONE: 516-483-3033

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general, with particular emphasis on physical handicaps and mental retardation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: SIECUS, the Sex Information and Education Council of the U.S. has as its stated purpose, "to establish human sexuality as a health entity." Its program has been primarily to reach health professionals through publications and participation in training seminars, organizational meetings at the national or State levels and by enrolling professionals as Associates of SIECUS. As part of its program, SIECUS concerns itself with the special sexual needs of individuals with various handicapping conditions. Special emphasis is placed on those with physical handicaps and on the sexual education of mentally retarded individuals. The official position of SIECUS is that: "the sexual nature and needs of individuals with physical or mental handicapping conditions have rarely been considered in the past. Today their need for total human relationships is increasingly recognized."

SERVICES: The primary information service of SIECUS is its publications and bibliographies. SIECUS publications on sex education and handicapped individuals include: 1) A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF RESOURCES IN SEX EDUCATION

FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED, 2) A RESOURCE GUIDE IN SEX EDUCATION FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED, 3) DEVELOPING COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE OF SEX EDUCATION FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED, 4) SEX EDUCATION AND FAMILY LIFE FOR VISUALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND YOUTH: A RESOURCE GUIDE and 5) SELECTIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY ON SEX AND THE HANDICAPPED contained in a special issue (May 1976) of SIECUS REPORT which focused on "The Handicapped and Sexual Health." The bimonthly SIECUS REPORT (for professionals and laypersons) focuses on sex education, sex research and sex counseling and provides in-depth reviews of new professional and general books, films, curricular material and journal articles on a variety of topics relating to sex education and handicapped individuals.

In addition to publications, SIECUS will answer lay and professional inquirers by phone or letter (if self-addressed, stamped envelope included with request) and send the complete SIECUS catalog of publications. Inquirers are also referred to other information centers or direct service providers.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from SIECUS. Handicapped individuals and their families, professionals and researchers routinely request information.

Fees: Fees vary for publications, bibliographies and brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. Other information services, including reply by phone or letter, referral and some bibliographies, are provided free of charge.

Notes: SIECUS was incorporated in Delaware in 1964. The organization addresses itself to all topics, no matter how controversial, relating to human sexuality. SIECUS functions under a Board of Directors drawn from a wide range of the health related disciplines and from three religious faiths. The Board is directive of, and responsible for, the organization's policies and programs; many of the organization's publications were written by the Board.

Requests for a catalog of publications, a reading list for lay or professional persons and other information, should be addressed to SIECUS at the above address.

SICKLE CELL DISEASE FOUNDATION OF GREATER NEW YORK
209 W. 125th Street
Suite 108
New York, NY 10027
PHONE: 212-850-1920

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sickle cell anemia.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Sickle Cell Disease Foundation of Greater New York is a voluntary, charitable, health and educational organization. While it offers various services to the Greater New York community, it also services requests for information on sickle cell disease from throughout the United States and the Caribbean Islands. The ultimate

goal of the Foundation is to coordinate and organize the activities of all the sickle cell organizations across the country into one solid organization with specific goals and programs dictated by its membership. Specific areas of coverage relative to sickle cell anemia include prevention of the disease, diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance.

SERVICES: The Foundation provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers (the organization is particularly aware of direct services in the New York area), 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) provides films or other audiovisuals and 7) sends the organization's newsletter.

Many direct services are offered by the Foundation in the Greater New York area. These include a blood bank service to victims of sickle cell disease, free to those unable to pay for it, a free referral screening program and a counseling, social service assistance, employment program, also free of charge. In addition, the Foundation sponsors free genetic counseling workshops for nurses, doctors, health educators and social/medical workers and free education and information programs for the lay community.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Foundation. Blacks and Hispanics are the most frequent users of the services.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: For information, call or write the Foundation at the above address.

SIECUS

See: SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE U.S. (SIECUS)

SISTER KENNY INSTITUTE

Abbott-Northwestern Hospital
Chicago at 27th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55407
PHONE: 612-874-4400

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Musculoskeletal or neurological disorders, such as arthritis/rheumatism, poliomyelitis, spinal cord injuries, stroke, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophies and chronic disabilities resulting from these disorders; also communicative impairments in general, alcoholism and learning disabilities.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Sister Kenny Institute (SKI) is a comprehensive rehabilitation center providing both intensive and intermediate

rehabilitation care to patients with physical disabilities limiting one or more of life's functions. A full range of rehabilitation therapies results in a multidisciplinary approach to patient care. To meet its goal of constantly improving rehabilitation services, SKI supplements its direct services with public and professional education, research undertakings, information dissemination and outreach and development work.

The Institute is a source of information on the following subjects: 1) education and training of personnel working with handicapped persons, 2) employment, including rights, hiring regulations and special needs of handicapped employees and employment of personnel dealing with handicapped persons, 3) housing, 4) transportation, 5) rehabilitation (health), 6) activities of daily living and 7) equipment/special devices/aids. Information is particularly strong in the area of training of personnel working with handicapped individuals.

SERVICES: The Institute disseminates information by providing the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) provides films or other audiovisuals. SKI maintains an extensive publications program and is a major producer of rehabilitation materials. In the past, materials were aimed primarily at the health professional; however, new publications are also geared to meeting the needs of educators, patients and their families. A catalog of publications and audiovisuals is available on request. Audiovisuals include audiocassettes, slides, filmstrips and films. The Kenny Stroke Series, a multimedia series, consists of several presentations on various aspects of stroke rehabilitation. Programs are available on 16 mm. films, slides or 35 mm. filmstrips.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Institute. Frequent inquirers are professionals working with handicapped individuals. Direct services are provided to patients referred by physicians or other qualified personnel.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge with the exception of audiovisuals and publications. Fees for direct services are on a sliding scale according to the patients' ability to pay. No patient is ever refused care due to lack of funds.

Notes: The Sister Kenny Institute was established in 1941 by Sister Kenny, an Australian nurse who revolutionized the treatment of polio. It was formerly operated by the American Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc.; however, in 1975, it merged with Abbott-Northwestern Hospital Corporation and no longer maintains any affiliation with the Foundation.

SKI offers numerous continuing education courses, workshops and seminars for professional health workers; these are described in the brochure, CONTINUING EDUCATION IN REHABILITATION, HEALTH AND EDUCATION, available on request. Undergraduates and graduates from many colleges and universities receive training courses at the Institute.

Seminars for lay persons are taken directly to local communities through outreach programs. In addition, SKI staff provide special consultation services for physicians, clinics, hospitals, extended care facilities and nursing homes. A Speakers Bureau arranges for speakers for community and professional meetings on request.

Research is conducted for the primary purpose of measuring the results of the rehabilitation process and determining qualitative standards of effectiveness which can be applied to patient services. For information on the Institute, call or write the organization at the above address. Inquiries on patient referral should be directed to Patient Services. For information on continuing education programs call or write the Continuing Education Department (612-874-4354). The A-V Publications Office is also located at the central SKI address; its phone number is 612-871-7331.

SOCIETY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE FACIALLY DISFIGURED
550 First Avenue
New York, NY 10016
PHONE: 212-679-1534

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Skin/cosmetic conditions in general, including craniofacial anomalies, maxiofacial disfigurement, cleft lip, cleft palate, burns and crash injuries, deformities of the hand and upper extremities and injuries or deformities of the orbital region, eyelids and the eye and its adnexa.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Society for the Rehabilitation of the Facially Disfigured, Inc. is a voluntary organization established to aid in the rehabilitation of individuals suffering from facial disfigurement. Its major purposes are to: 1) provide facilities for the treatment and assistance of individuals who are unable to afford private reconstructive surgical care, 2) assist in the training and education of personnel engaged in reconstructive plastic surgery, 3) initiate, stimulate and encourage research in this field and 4) carry on a public education program to make more people aware of the problems of facial disfigurement and the treatment methods currently available.

The major program of the Society has been sponsorship of the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery of New York University Medical Center. Through this program, it helps to support plastic surgery clinics in the New York Metropolitan area at University Hospital, Bellevue Hospital, New York Veterans Administration Hospital and Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital.

SERVICES: The Society will answer lay and professional inquiries by phone or letter, send brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and make inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf. The Society routinely refers inquirers interested in direct services to local plastic surgeons and clinics. Individualized case referral is also provided; in these cases, the Society asks for copies of the doctor's medical diagnosis of a patient, X-rays, photos, records and other pertinent data. A team of specialists from the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery reviews these materials and recommends doctors (in

many cases former graduates of the Institute) with the appropriate specialties. If the case is of such a serious nature that only the Institute could help, families are advised of costs. The Society often assists parents and individuals in locating local funding sources.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Society. Frequent inquirers include individuals requiring cosmetic or reconstructive surgery and their families.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Society for the Rehabilitation of the Facially Disfigured was founded in 1951 to establish new treatment facilities and to encourage training in reconstructive plastic surgery as a means of aiding on a broad scale victims of facial disfigurement. In 1957, the Society established the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery.

The Institute functions as a center for clinical services, professional training and medical research in the fields of reconstructive surgery and tissue transplantation. Its services embrace correction of all types of congenital and acquired deformities, striving for both function and esthetic restoration. Special emphasis is placed on reconstruction of the face and rehabilitation of the extremities, including the hands. Special rehabilitation programs include: 1) Center for Craniofacial Anomalies, with a broad range of clinical research on these deformities in children, and research on basic biological factors involved in congenital deformities of the face, 2) Maxillofacial Rehabilitation Program, oriented toward the rehabilitation of patients disfigured as a result of radical cancer surgery, 3) Cleft Palate Rehabilitation, 4) Hand Surgery Program, 5) Speech Rehabilitation, studies of speech patterns of patients with craniofacial and maxillofacial deformities, and speech therapy aimed at the cleft lip and cleft palate patient and 6) Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery. The Institute utilizes the multidisciplinary approach with integration of the services of the reconstructive plastic surgeon with specialists in allied medical, dental and paramedical fields. These include the psychologist, psychiatrist, medical social worker and vocational consultant to assist with vocational problems of the patients.

Research at the Institute emphasizes three major areas: 1) tissue and organ transplantation, 2) the management of severe burns and 3) various surgical research investigations. The Institute also conducts a formal residency training program which has the approval of the American Medical Association.

For information, call or write the Executive Director of the Society at the above address.

SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
209 Shiloh Drive
Madison, WI 53705
PHONE: 608-836-8969

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Spina bifida.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Spina Bifida Association of America (SBAA) was established in 1974. The Association provides general information about spina bifida and conditions resulting from spina bifida, as well as information in the following areas: 1) formal education of handicapped individuals, 2) health, including treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 3) psycho-social services, 4) income maintenance/security, 5) recreation/physical education, 6) activities of daily living, 7) prosthetics, 8) civil rights/legislation and 9) research. Some of these areas are not yet covered completely, but in all cases inquiries are answered to the best of the Association's ability. In the future, SBAA hopes to extend coverage to the following areas: 1) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, other employment considerations such as rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the handicapped employee and employment of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals, 2) housing, 3) education of personnel dealing with handicapped individuals and 4) transportation.

SERVICES: The Association provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by letter, 2) refers inquirers to direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) sends the organization's newsletter and 7) permits on-site use of its holdings. The Association also refers lay inquirers to other information centers and provides them with films or other audiovisuals on request. Individual bibliographies, indexes or abstracts are prepared for certain professional requests.

Age: The Association's information is not restricted to any age group; however, much of the information does relate to children with spina bifida, as there are currently more children than adults with the condition.

User Eligibility: Any individual, lay or professional, may request information from the Association. Frequent inquirers include parents of children with spina bifida, adults with spina bifida, local chapters and individuals wishing to organize local chapters. The Association is a membership organization; however, information is not restricted to members.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. There is a charge for films and other audiovisuals. Other materials (e.g. publications) are provided free to individuals who are organizing local chapters and at cost to others.

Notes: The Spina Bifida Association of America was founded on January 17, 1974, when representatives from 36 State chapters met at the first annual convention. Since then, the Association has grown to include over 100 chapters nationwide. SBAA believes strongly in the personal contact available through local chapters and encourages parents to work through their local chapters for legislation on a State level and for funding of special State programs. Most members

of local chapters are parents of children with spina bifida, but adults with spina bifida and other interested individuals are also welcome.

The Association has established a Medical Advisory Board to evaluate current medical advances and inform SBAA of their validity. The national office maintains a collection of books and articles on spina bifida and related subjects and has information available on prenatal detection of spina bifida. A national Professional Advisory Board for Education has been created to work with an Education Committee in studying current programs providing education to spina bifida and other disabled children. A national convention is sponsored annually.

For information, call or write Peggy Miezio, President, at the above address.

State-Federal Information Clearinghouse for Exceptional Children
See: COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

TAPES FOR THE BLIND, INC.
12007 S. Paramount Blvd.
Suite Two
Downey, CA 90242
PHONE: 213-923-3388

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Tapes for the Blind provides blank magnetic recording tapes on 3-, 5- and 7-inch reels to blind and other physically handicapped individuals at a fraction of their retail cost. The program is sponsored by the Downey Lions Club of California and free postage anywhere in the world is provided by the Federal Government.

SERVICES: Tapes for the Blind obtains its supply of tapes from industrial sources, including major aerospace companies. Some of the tapes are high quality tapes used in computer and instrumentation applications which, no longer usable for their original purposes, have been erased (degaussed) and consigned to surplus. Upon receipt, Tapes for the Blind slits these one-half inch to one-inch wide tapes longitudinally to achieve the precise quarter inch width used on home tape recorders. The organization also sells C-30, C-60, C-90 and C-120 length cassettes. Each tape is boxed individually and sold both to individuals and State rehabilitation centers.

User Eligibility: Any individual may order tapes from the organization. Major customers are State rehabilitation centers throughout the United States, which serve as distribution centers in their areas. Blind rehabilitation counselors, working in the State-sponsored centers provide advice and assistance as required.

Fees: Tapes are provided at a fraction of their retail cost. A complete price list may be obtained by calling or writing the organization.

Notes: The program of providing tapes for use by blind persons on home tape recorders was originally developed under the sponsorship of VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) in 1968. In 1969, the Downey Lions Club of Downey, California took over the operation and formed within its membership a nonprofit corporation, Tapes for the Blind, Inc. The Club underwrites any loss sustained by the enterprise, and each member volunteers at least two hours per month to accomplish the necessary processing, packaging, mailing and bookkeeping activities involved in the operation.

For information, contact the organization at the above address.

TELETYPEWRITERS FOR THE DEAF, INC.

P.O. Box 28332

Washington, DC 20005

PHONE: 202-347-1676

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments, deaf-blind and speech impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of Teletypewriters for the Deaf, Inc. (TDI) is to nurture the acquisition of telephone communication ability among deaf people and organizations serving them.

SERVICES: Much of the information providing activity of Teletypewriters for the Deaf centers around referrals of deaf persons to agents authorized by TDI to sell and install teletypewriters (TTY) adapted for use by deaf and deaf-blind individuals. These agents have contracts with companies such as American Telephone and Telegraph and Western Electric to receive their old and discarded equipment through donation. The agent fixes these machines, adapts them for use by the deaf or deaf-blind and arranges for the installation of the machines and coupler, the device which holds the the telephone receiver. In return, the TTY user must sign a waiver not to use the equipment for commercial purposes. TDI itself does not sell or supply TTYs from the national headquarters. Another information function of TDI is the publication of the INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OF THE DEAF which contains lists and telephone numbers of organizations and individuals with compatible TTY hookups. Included among these lists are: 1) a list of agencies serving deaf persons, 2) a list of agencies with TTYs, 3) a list of agents and agencies in the U.S. providing unique services to deaf individuals, 4) an alphabetical list of TDI members and 5) a geographic list of members. The Directory is updated annually and new additions are supplied by TDI continuously before each new printing. TDI also publishes a newsletter periodically, answers individual requests for information by letter and provides brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets about its operation on request. All information services are provided to both lay and professional inquirers.

User Eligibility: Although TDI is a membership organization, any lay or professional person may request information. Deaf individuals, their relatives and organizations serving them are the most frequent inquirers.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Costs of TTYs provided by authorized agents vary throughout the country but are generally from \$150.00-\$200.00 for the TTY and installation and about \$175.00 for the coupler. The cost of a special raised dot printer for deaf-blind persons with a TTY is approximately \$600.00.

Notes: Teletypewriters for the Deaf, Inc. was formed in 1968 from the Teletypewriter for the Deaf Distribution Committee founded by H. Latham Breunig and Jess M. Smith to handle the acquisition and distribution of Bell System TTYs. This effort represented cooperation between the Oral Deaf Adults Section of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and the National Association of the Deaf. TDI has 6,000 members nationwide.

In addition to coordinating the acquisition and provision of TTYs, TDI is developing standards of conduct for agents and maintenance of equipment. Accreditation will follow passage and acceptance of these standards.

TDI and its members also work to gather congressional support for legislation beneficial to TTY users. The organization is particularly active in supporting tax legislation that will relieve the financial burden of deaf and deaf-blind individuals whose telephone costs are double because of the slow rate of communication by TTY; purchase of equipment is already tax deductible as a medical expense. TDI is also trying to secure the installation of TTYs in public places. For information, contact the organization at the above address.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION INFORMATION CENTER
Department of Recreation and Park Administration
California State University
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819
PHONE: 916-454-6182

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Therapeutic Recreation Information Center (TRIC) is a computer based information acquisition, storage, retrieval and dissemination center specifically concerned with published and unpublished materials related to recreation service to ill, disadvantaged, disabled and aging persons. It was designed to provide comprehensive annotated bibliographic reference materials to educators, researchers, students, practitioners or others interested in therapeutic recreation for special groups or individuals in need of services.

SERVICES: Abstracts of published and unpublished materials on therapeutic recreation are the primary information service provided by TRIC, retrieved by using more than 2,000 descriptor terms. The user may purchase minor files: those descriptor terms with less than 100 related abstracts, or major files: those which have 100 or more related abstracts. Partial files cannot be supplied. Multiple information

searches using more than one descriptor reduce the number of abstracts produced but are more specific to the user's area of interest. Any combination of major and minor files may be requested in addition to individually designed search strategies. Users submitting information requests to TRIC are urged to be as specific as possible about the use they will make of the information requested. Organizations and university departments wishing to establish a comprehensive bibliographic reference library of TRIC printouts for students or employees should write the TRIC Director, Fred W. Martin, indicating their areas of interest, and a price quotation for this service will be provided. In addition to its bibliographic services, TRIC also provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) permits on-site use of its holdings which include books, journals and reports on therapeutic recreation service. TRIC's full service offers comprehensive on-site library information materials, support of in-service education and training projects and consultation to individuals and organizations providing service to ill, disadvantaged, disabled and aging persons.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from TRIC. Frequent inquirers include professionals working with handicapped individuals, researchers, teachers and students.

Fees: Minor files cost \$5.00/file; fees for major files are on a sliding scale in direct proportion to the number of abstracts produced. The basic processing charge for a multiple descriptor search is \$10.00. Other information services are provided free of charge.

Notes: The original TRIC data base was developed in 1971 at Columbia University and focused on the period 1965-1970. Primary and secondary information sources were systematically searched, abstracted and indexed to secure relevant material. While TRIC was located at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, the system was updated several times, the most recent being in 1974.

TRIC describes its system as the largest computer automated data bank in field of recreation. Currently, the data base contains approximately 3,500 abstracts and citations. It is currently being updated; it is anticipated that the system will be updated on an annual basis. There is a "current year lag" in its information, so users should do their own information searching for the most recently produced materials.

For information, write to the Director.

TRACE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER
FOR THE SEVERELY COMMUNICATIVELY HANDICAPPED
922 ERB
1500 Johnson Drive
Madison, WI 53706
PHONE: 608-262-6966

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Severe speech impairments.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The goal of the Trace Research and Development Center for the Severely Communicatively Handicapped is to provide severely physically handicapped speech impaired individuals with efficient and meaningful channels of communication.

Its mission is to: 1) define the communication needs, as well as language acquisition and language development problems of individuals whose speech and writing are severely impaired, 2) locate, develop and evaluate communication techniques and aids which augment the existing communication modalities of individuals whose speech and writing skills are severely impaired, 3) explore and evaluate techniques to facilitate language development for individuals whose language development has been affected by their severe physical disability, 4) disseminate information on communication aids and techniques generated by the Trace Center and by researchers and institutions to interested professionals, centers, individuals and parents in the United States and abroad, 5) advance the training of professionals, parents and students in areas related to the communication alternatives for the nonvocal, 6) facilitate the development and commercial production of special materials and aids so that they will be available for those individuals who require them and 7) help coordinate research efforts in this field in order to eliminate duplicated effort and promote compatible materials and aids. Information is particularly strong in the area of research and clinical programs (international coverage) for severely speech impaired (nonvocal) individuals.

SERVICES: The Trace Center provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) provides films or other audiovisuals and 6) permits on-site use of its holdings which include files on specific topics and some literature. An international newsletter is being initiated by the Center.

Several publications of the Center are also valuable information sources. The MASTER CHART AND LISTING OF NON-VOCAL COMMUNICATION AIDS provides a table of information about existing communication aids. The ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF COMMUNICATION AIDS was compiled to make available summary information in this field. It describes some of the communication techniques and aids for the severely physically handicapped currently being designed, developed or manufactured in the United States, Canada or abroad. A complete list of materials available from the Center is provided on request.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Center. Frequent inquirers include those who are handicapped, working to help handicapped individuals or doing applied research in the field.

Fees: Some of the information is provided free of charge. Prices for previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and for films or other audiovisuals vary. The newsletter will be on a subscription basis.

Notes: The Trace Research and Development Center for the Severely Communicatively Handicapped, formerly known as the Cerebral Palsy Communication Group, is located at the University of Wisconsin. As part of its mission, the Center maintains files on ongoing research projects at other institutions, particularly in the areas of nonvocal communication techniques and aids, communication development programs, special symbol systems and training materials. Efforts are made to coordinate research activities in the field. The Center also conducts workshops and inservice training.

For information, write the Center at the above address detailing the area of inquiry.

TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTER
Moss Rehabilitation Hospital
12th Street and Tabor Road
Philadelphia, PA 19141
PHONE: 215-329-5715

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All physical handicaps.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Travel Information Center at Moss Rehabilitation Hospital was set up to provide information on travel to physically handicapped individuals.

Information provided to inquirers includes what hotels or motels have wheelchair ramps, which cruiseships and airlines make the extra effort to accommodate the disabled person, which countries and cities have special arrangements for disabled visitors and which historical sites, tourist attractions, public facilities, national monuments, etc. are accessible to handicapped individuals. The Center does not book tours but can refer individuals to appropriate agencies.

Inquirers are requested to complete a follow-up questionnaire after they have returned from a trip for use in updating the Center's travel information.

SERVICES: To request information, an individual should call or write the Center outlining which cities or countries he or she would like to visit, together with special travel interests. All requests are individually dealt with. In response, the Center sends all available information on the sites, including suitability and accessibility for handicapped individuals. For most inquiries, referrals are given to other sources of information, such as books and pamphlets, as the Center does not store multiple copies of brochures. The names of people or agencies who can supply more detailed information are also provided. In addition, the Center has available some bibliographies containing citations to texts on traveling for handicapped individuals, including texts on traveling in specific countries.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Center. Users include handicapped persons and their families, travel agents, hospitals, government agencies and libraries. Disabled persons are the most frequent inquirers.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Travel Information Center was created in the early 1970's in response to the frustrations of handicapped travelers. Travel information was compiled by writing all over the world to find out about facilities and accommodations accessible to disabled persons, and about the barriers and problems handicapped people would encounter. This information is stored in files at the Center. Files are updated as information becomes available.

For information, call or write Dr. Bernard Albert at the above address.

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATIONS, INC.

66 E. 34th Street

New York, NY 10016

PHONE: 212-889-6655

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Cerebral palsy.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc. (UCPA) is a nationwide voluntary organization devoted exclusively to the multiple problems of cerebral palsy. The association's programs and services are directed toward three major activities: 1) meeting the personal needs of those directly or indirectly affected by cerebral palsy, 2) creating a climate of opinion conducive to public understanding of cerebral palsy and to action on behalf of disabled persons by the public and the voluntary sector and 3) stimulating research and scientific investigation to prevent cerebral palsy and to enrich the lives of those affected by the condition. To meet these ends, UCPA engages in direct services, advocacy and public education programs, funding of research and training of professional and scientific manpower.

The association collects and disseminates general information on cerebral palsy, as well as information in the following areas: 1) education and training of personnel working with cerebral palsied persons, 2) employment, including vocational rehabilitation and training, rights, hiring regulations and special needs of cerebral palsied employees and employment of personnel dealing with them, 3) housing, 4) transportation, 5) health, including prevention, diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 6) psycho-social services, 7) income maintenance/security, 8) recreation/physical education, 9) activities of daily living, 10) equipment/special devices/aids, 11) civil rights/legislation and 12) research. SERVICES: UCPA offers the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) provides films or other audiovisuals, 6) sends the organization's newsletter, 7) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 8) permits on-site use of its holdings.

The association's publications program supports the information services through the production of public and professional educational materials. Some public education pamphlets and brochures are available in Spanish as well as English. Recent publications of interest to professionals include: 1) NO PLACE LIKE HOME...ALTERNATIVE LIVING ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH CEREBRAL PALSY AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, a manual describing different approaches to independent living, 2) HANDBOOK ON TRANSPORTATION, designed to aid UCPA affiliates in developing transportation programs and 3) THE FIRST THREE YEARS, a report of the Collaborative Project to Provide Comprehensive Services for Atypical Infants and their Families. This report is a compendium of information, guidelines and technical papers on the development and care of babies born with neuromotor disabilities.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional inquirer may request information from UCPA.

Fees: Fees are charged for some materials; however, most information is distributed free.

Notes: The United Cerebral Palsy Associations of America was formed in 1949 to coordinate and assist UCP affiliates in providing direct services. A network of 300 State and local agencies now provides these services to cerebral palsied persons and their families. On the national level, UCPA stimulates cooperative programs and projects with other national agencies which benefit UCP programs and clients and conducts demonstration projects to establish models of service for replication in local communities.

In its role as advocate, the association provides testimony before government committees and combines forces on governmental and legislative matters with the 20 other national organizations which make up the Consortium Concerned with Developmental Disabilities.

The UCPA Research and Educational Foundation supports research into the causes and prevention of cerebral palsy, the use of medications in alleviating the symptoms of cerebral palsy, and biomedical technology to improve mobility and communication of handicapped persons. Major areas of investigation now include: 1) the gestational period and prematurity, 2) neonatology and 3) improved functioning of persons with cerebral palsy. The Foundation also supports professional education by granting clinical fellowships and student traineeships, and by convening conferences and institutes of interest to professionals working in the field of cerebral palsy.

UCPA sponsors an annual national convention for its affiliates and other interested persons.

For information, write UCPA at the above address.

UNITED OSTOMY ASSOCIATION, INC.
1111 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90017
PHONE: 213-481-2811

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Ileostomy, colostomy and urinary ostomy surgery.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The United Ostomy Association, Inc., (UOA) is dedicated to helping every ostomy patient return to normal living through mutual aid and moral support. Specific activities include: 1) education in proper ostomy care and management, 2) assistance in improving ostomy equipment and supplies, 3) advancement of knowledge of gastrointestinal diseases, 4) cooperation with other organizations having common purposes, 5) exhibits at medical and public meetings, 6) the exchange of ideas and methods for the promotion of rehabilitation of ostomates and 7) public education about ostomy to eliminate job and insurance discrimination.

SERVICES: For any lay or professional inquirer, UOA provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirer's to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) makes inquiries of other organizations on inquirer's behalf, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) provides films or other audiovisuals and 7) sends the organization's magazine.

User Eligibility: UOA is a membership organization; however, any lay or professional person may request information.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. There is a charge for the UOA magazine, publications and for membership.

Notes: The United Ostomy Association was founded in 1962 and has about 400 local chapters. It is a founding member of the International Ostomy Association, established in 1974 by the national ostomy associations of several countries. To become a member of UOA, an individual must first join a local chapter. Members are eligible to join various insurance plans made available through UOA. These include a hospital income plan, an excess major medical plan and a life insurance program.

The Association does not sell or recommend equipment or maintain literature on various types available. Since it is composed of lay people, UOA will not answer medical questions. UOA sponsors a national conference annually in August.

For information, call or write UOA at the above address.

UNITED PARKINSON FOUNDATION
220 S. State Street
Chicago, IL 60604
PHONE: 312-922-9734

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Parkinson's disease.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The United Parkinson Foundation (UPF) assembles and disseminates information about Parkinson's disease and related disorders and the medication and therapy used in their treatment and promotes and supports research into the causes of the disease. Informa-

tion is also provided in the following areas: 1) health, including diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 2) psycho-social services, 3) income maintenance/security, 4) activities of daily living and 5) equipment/special devices/aids.

SERVICES: For the lay and professional inquirer, UPF provides the following services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets. Lay inquirers may also request the organization's newsletter. Professionals are permitted on-site use of UPF's holdings. The Foundation also sponsors scientific symposia for lay audiences with leaders in the field of Parkinson's disease.

Age: The average age of onset for Parkinson's disease is 50 years or older, though it is not restricted to this age group.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from UPF. Frequent users are patients and their families. UPF is a membership organization; however information is provided equally to members and nonmembers.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The United Parkinson Foundation was founded in 1963 and is unaffiliated with any other organization.

For information, call or write the Foundation at the above address.

UNITED STATES DEAF SKIERS ASSOCIATION
Two Sunset Hill Road
Simsbury, CT 06070
PHONE: 203-244-3341

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Deafness/hearing impairments. In 1976-1977, the Association plans to institute a deaf-blind skiers program.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The main objectives of the United States Deaf Skiers Association (USDSA) are to: 1) promote skiing, both recreational and competitive, among the deaf and those with hearing impairments, 2) provide deaf skiers with benefits, activities and opportunities which will further increase their enjoyment of skiing, 3) encourage ski racing among the deaf and sponsor national and regional races for deaf skiers and 4) assist in any way possible the selection, organization and training of the United States Deaf Ski Teams for international competition. The Association maintains information on recreational and competitive ski programs, ski club activities, international ski competitions and the World Winter Games for the Deaf. In addition, some information is available on other winter sports, such as ice hockey, speed skating and snow mobiling, and on teaching a deaf person how to ski.

SERVICES: The Association provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) sends the organization's newsletter on request.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Association. Members of the Association enjoy certain benefits; however, information is provided to nonmembers as well.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. There is a nominal fee for membership in the Association.

Notes: The United States Deaf Skiers Association was established in 1968 at Park City, Utah, as an educational organization for deaf skiers. Some USDSA programs include the following: 1) annual ski weekend for juniors and adults, 2) a ski touring clinic, 3) workshop sessions through the U.S. Ski Association Divisional Deaf Skiers Committees, 4) regional and national Ski Week Conventions, 5) ski school classes for the deaf and 6) Nastar races for the Deaf. The Association is officially recognized by the United States Ski Association and its nine divisions.

USDSA has no official national office.

For information, contact Phillip Gutfran, President, at the above address. (phone: work - 203-244-3341; home - 203-658-7456).

VOLUNTEER SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
PHONE: 215-627-0600

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments and deaf-blind.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: Volunteer Services for the Blind (VSB) furnishes blind, deaf-blind and partially seeing individuals with braille, large type and sound recorded materials. Materials are routinely provided to students attending elementary schools, high schools, music conservatories, colleges and universities, to professional men and women and to adults who use them for their hobbies. These materials include textbooks and other items currently used in school curricula, materials used by professionals, such as computer operations manuals and pleasure items such as popular magazines. SERVICES: VSB transcribes most materials, for anyone, at no charge using the services of volunteer transcribers. To speed the transcription process, VSB has begun using the services of a computer to produce braille materials. Due to computer costs, VSB levies a slight charge for materials produced in this way. VSB offers transcriber training once a year from October-December in the Philadelphia area free of charge for individuals wishing to do volunteer transcribing for VSB. The Division for the Blind and Physically Handi-

capped of the Library of Congress certifies those who successfully complete the course and meet set standards.

VSB also offers Optacons and training in their use. Qualified handicapped individuals from all over the country are accepted into this training program which lasts two weeks and are provided with Optacons at costs well below their market value. VSB transcribes materials for the Library of Congress and for other government agencies, such as the Internal Revenue Service. VSB will also braille special journals on a subscription basis for individuals and routinely offers regular journals, not offered by the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, also on a subscription basis.

In addition, VSB provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 5) sends the organization's newsletter.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from VSB.

Blind and deaf-blind persons may request transcribing services. Individuals enrolled in the transcriber training program must pass a Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped standards test before they can be certified. Applicants for Optacon training must be screened before being accepted.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Manually transcribed materials are free of charge; costs for computer transcriptions run about \$.045/page. Transcriber and Optacon training is free of charge; however, a charge of \$750.00 is levied for the Optacon.

Notes: Volunteer Services for the Blind was chartered in 1945 in the State of Pennsylvania. It was formerly known as the Braille Volunteers, organized by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American National Red Cross.

For information, call or write VSB at the above address.

XAVIER SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND
154 E. 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010
PHONE: 212-473-7800

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments and deaf-blind.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The primary purpose of the Xavier Society for the Blind (XSB) is to provide reading material for visually impaired persons in braille, large print or on tape. Textbooks for students are a priority item as are religious and devotional materials.

SERVICES: The Xavier Society promotes the use of its services by answering inquiries by letter and distributing brochures and pamphlets. The Society publishes books in braille, large type and tape form and

maintains a circulating library of primarily but not exclusively religious materials. Books are loaned by mail. Catalogs of titles in each of the three forms are available on request. The Society also maintains a central index of textbooks available for visually impaired students in diocesan school systems in the United States.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional inquirer may request information and the catalog. Services are available to any blind or visually impaired person.

Fees: Information and services are provided free of charge.

Notes: The Xavier Society for the Blind was founded in 1900. It serves the U.S. and Canada and provides certain services to blind persons overseas. The Society is a member of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, Association for Education of the Visually Handicapped and the National Braille Association. For information, contact the Society at the above address.

Yeshiva University--Curriculum Research and Development
Center in Mental Retardation

See: CURRICULUM RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
CENTER IN MENTAL RETARDATION (Yeshiva University)

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Library Of Congress

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Taylor Street Annex
1291 Taylor Street
Washington, D.C. 20542
PHONE: 202-426-5100

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments, deaf-blind and physical handicaps that restrict a person's ability to use a conventional book.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (DBPH) of the Library of Congress is charged with providing specialized materials and services for the blind and physically handicapped population of the United States unable to read ordinary print. With copyright permission granted by authors and publishers, DBPH selects and produces full-length books and magazines in braille and on recorded disc and cassette. These books and magazines are then distributed to a cooperating network of 54 regional and 96 subregional (local) libraries that circulate them to eligible borrowers. Reading materials are sent to readers and returned to libraries by postage-free mail. Braille music scores (some also in large type or recorded form) are also available from DBPH. In addition, DBPH trains volunteer braille transcribers, sets standards in this area and certifies those qualified. The DBPH Reference Department collects and organizes information on blindness and physical handicaps (except legal and medical information) and offers reference and referral services. Materials from specialized sources, such as producers of catalogs and manufacturers of appliances and equipment are also available. Information is provided in the following areas relative to blindness and physical handicaps: 1) education, including formal education of handicapped individuals and education of personnel dealing with them, 2) health, including rehabilitation and maintenance, 3) psycho-social services, 4) recreation/physical education, 5) activities of daily living, 6) equipment/special devices/aids, 7) civil rights/legislation and 8) some research. Information is particularly strong in the areas of aids and appliances and programs and services available on the national level for handicapped individuals.

SERVICES: While DBPH provides a variety of reference and referral services, its primary function is to provide reading services to blind and physically handicapped persons. Books in braille and on disc or cassette are provided to readers through the 54 regional and 96 subregional libraries cooperating with DBPH. They are available in a variety of categories, including bestsellers, classic novels, mysteries, poetry, essays, the Bible, nonfiction, foreign language books and children's literature. A wide collection of books is available on

recorded discs at 8 and 16 rpm. Recorded discs are playable on specially designed phonographs provided by DBPH. Various attachments for these machines, such as earphones and pillow speakers, are available on request. Books are also recorded on cassette tapes at 1 7/8 and 15/16 ips. Special cassette players are also available from DBPH on request. All new titles produced in recorded formats are announced in a bimonthly publication, TALKING BOOK TOPICS, which is sent regularly to registered readers (available in print, recorded and braille versions).

Books and periodicals are produced on braille presses for distribution throughout the library network. Some children's titles, as well as some adult books, are produced in special combinations of illustrated print text with braille transcription known as PRINT/BRAILLE. New titles in braille press are announced in a bimonthly publication, BRAILLE BOOK REVIEW, sent to braille readers (available in print, braille or recorded versions).

Music scores and instructional music materials are provided on loan directly from the Music Services Section of DBPH National Collections. Various catalogs and bibliographies are also provided to inform readers of the range of services and titles available from their regional libraries.

In addition to other services, the Library of Congress sets standards for braille transcription, coordinates efforts of volunteers and offers courses of instruction for volunteer transcribers and braille proof-readers. Braille transcribers and blind proofreaders are certified by the Librarian of Congress upon successful completion of these courses. Under this program, volunteers transcribe books into braille or record them on tape for cassette duplication. Students, professionals, researchers and others who have specified needs in fiction, nonfiction, textbooks, musical notation, mathematics or foreign language books may request services of volunteers. The publication, VOLUNTEERS WHO PRODUCE BOOKS: BRAILLE, LARGE TYPE, TAPE, provides a list of available transcribers by State and medium.

The DBPH Reference Department provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) send brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts (particularly strong in library services to blind and physically handicapped individuals and aids and appliances) and 5) permits on-site use of its holdings which include general reference works on handicapping conditions, journals, magazines and a file on aids and appliances organized by corporation and subject area. Occasionally, bibliographies are prepared in response to certain individual requests.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Reference Department. Direct reading services are provided to eligible individuals through regional libraries; to qualify an individual must be unable to read or use standard print as certified by a competent authority. Music services are provided directly through DBPH to eligible persons.

Fees: All information and services are provided free of charge.

Notes: The mandate of the Library of Congress to provide reading services to blind persons was included in "An Act to provide books for the adult blind," March 3, 1931. Later, the mandate was broadened to include children (1952) and physically handicapped persons (1966, P.L. 89-522).

Cooperating libraries not only use DBPH supplied materials, but produce similar materials based on local demand. In the future, DBPH plans to develop a national automated bibliographic information service that will enable libraries to identify and locate any book produced in a special format for handicapped readers. It will function as a union catalog and help avoid duplication of effort in the production of special materials.

For general reference assistance, write or call the Reference Department at the above address. Application materials for the direct readers services may be obtained from DBPH or from cooperating regional or subregional libraries. A list of these libraries is available from DBPH on request.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH DEPARTMENTS

Department Of Commerce

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20233
PHONE: 301-763-7273

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Bureau of the Census is the principal fact-gathering and statistics publishing agency of the Federal Government. Its primary function is to collect, process, compile and disseminate statistical data covering a wide range of subjects, including: population and housing; agriculture; governments; manufactured products; mineral industries; retail and wholesale trade; selected service industries; transportation; and construction. National censuses are conducted at 5- or 10-year intervals and sample surveys at weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual intervals. The Bureau publishes thousands of reports each year showing data assembled into statistical tables on the subjects and for the geographic areas covered in these censuses and surveys.

In the area of handicapping conditions, the 1970 Census of Population collected data on the presence and duration of work disability for the noninstitutional population 18-64 years old classified by various demographic, social and economic characteristics. Detailed statistics in this area are available, though the disabilities are not broken down by type.

SERVICES: The primary information service of the Bureau is its publications. The BUREAU OF THE CENSUS CATALOG, issued each quarter and cumulated to an annual volume, is a guide to all programs and publications of the Bureau. Various special publications, such as the GUIDE TO PROGRAMS AND PUBLICATIONS, SUBJECTS AND AREAS, focus on publications in selected areas. Several final reports (broken down by States or for the entire U.S.), are available in the following areas: Characteristics of the Population; General Social and Economic Characteristics; and Detailed Characteristics; data on work disability are included in each report.

Order forms for the publication, SUBJECT REPORTS, FINAL REPORT PC(2)-6C, PERSONS WITH WORK DISABILITY, are available from the Bureau; copies may be obtained from the Government Printing Office. Data in this may be used to study the association of work disability with such economic factors as labor participation, work experience, occupation and type and amount of income received. The differences between the population with no work disability and that with work disability in regard to marital status, education, family status and other social and demographic factors may be determined. The data cannot be used, however, to estimate the total number of persons with work disability since the persons included in the census comprised only the noninstitutional population 18-64 years old. The Bureau also provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by

phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and 6) permits on-site use of its holdings. Other services such as special censuses, surveys, individual census data searches and consulting are available. Computer data tapes of statistical census information for individual use may also be purchased.

Age: Census data is collected on individuals of all ages; however, work disability information covers only individuals from 18-64 years of age.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Bureau. By law, the Bureau cannot furnish copies of individual returns or issue any statistics which identify or disclose individual information. The protection of confidentiality extends to names and addresses; thus the Census Bureau cannot supply lists of persons or firms reporting to it.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees for publications and computer tapes vary. Publication catalogs are provided without cost.

Notes: The Bureau of the Census was established by the framers of the Constitution to take a count of the U.S. population every ten years in order to apportion seats to the House of Representatives. In addition to conducting the census, the Bureau conducts surveys on a reimbursable basis for other organizations. Some of these organizations are: 1) Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, 2) Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, U.S. Department of Justice, 3) National Center for Health Statistics and 4) Social Security Administration.

For information, call or write the Information Officer, in the Public Information Office at the above address.

NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE Department of Commerce
5285 Port Royal Road
Springfield, VA 22161
PHONE: 703-557-4600

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Technical Information Service (NTIS) is the central source for the public sale of Federal Government-sponsored research, development and engineering reports and other analyses prepared by Special Technology Groups (groups providing inquiry services, data books and research reports and newsletters in a specific technical area).

NTIS also is a central source for Federally generated machine processable files. NTIS ships about 20,000 information products daily as one of the world's leading processors of specialty information. It supplies its customers with about four million documents and microforms annually. The NTIS information collection exceeds 900,000 titles and all are available for sale.

Timely and continuous availability of reports from NTIS is ensured by agreements between NTIS and Federal research sponsoring organizations and Special Technology Groups. NTIS is the marketing coordinator for the latter, for their publications, technical inquiries and special analyses.

Research reports available on handicapped persons and handicapping conditions vary with the number of agencies depositing reports in this area.

SERVICES: NTIS offers a number of information services to lay and professional persons to assist them in locating reports available in their areas of interest. These services include; computer-based bibliographic search services; announcement and abstracting services; sale of publications; and general public information services.

NTIS offers two computer-based bibliographic search services (NTISearch): 1) Published Searches, bibliographies developed by information specialists at NTIS from the NTIS data base and prepared to meet anticipated user needs in specific subject areas and 2) the on-line search service providing customized searches in response to the individual user's needs. Through these searches, individuals may locate summaries of interest from among some 480,000 Federally sponsored research reports completed and published from 1964 to date; about 60,000 new summaries are added annually. An additional 180,000 descriptions of ongoing and recently terminated research projects, compiled by the Smithsonian Science Information Exchange, are also computer retrievable. Published searches are updated at regular intervals and are available in paper copy or microfiche. Copies of whole research reports, on which summaries are based, are sold by NTIS. A listing of Published Searches is available on request.

Various publications of NTIS are also primary information sources. Current summaries of new research reports and other specialized information in various categories of interest are published in some 26 weekly newsletters, WEEKLY GOVERNMENT ABSTRACTS, and indexed. The all-inclusive, biweekly journal, GOVERNMENT REPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS & INDEX, is published for librarians, technical information specialists and those requiring summaries in a single volume.

A standing order microfiche service, SELECTED RESEARCH IN MICROFICHE (SRIM), automatically provides subscribers with the full texts of research reports specially selected to satisfy individual requirements. Automatic distribution of paper copies is also available.

The NTIS Bibliographic Data File (on magnetic tape) includes unpublished research summaries and is available for lease. The computer products of the Federal agencies are also sold or leased by NTIS.

Information on additional products and services available is contained in NTIS INFORMATION SERVICES: GENERAL CATALOG No. 4. Inquiries are answered by phone or letter.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may use the NTIS information services. Services are used routinely by professionals, researchers, the general public and handicapped individuals, their families and friends.

Fees: Fees vary depending on service desired. Brochures about the services are provided free of charge. Fees for published searches are \$25.00; on-line searches range from \$100.00 - \$200.00+ depending on the number of summaries retrieved. Prices for publications vary.

Notes: Some Federal Government agencies contributing to NTIS include the Departments of Agriculture; Commerce; Defense; Health, Education, and Welfare; Housing and Urban Development; Interior; Labor; State; Transportation; Treasury; and the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Science Foundation.

For general information, call or write NTIS at the above address. To order publications call: 703-557-4650; for computer products call: 703-557-4763; for NTIS searches call: 703-557-4642; for subscriptions call: 703-557-4630; for SRIM call: 703-557-4640; Telex 89-9405.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

Alcohol, Drug Abuse, Mental Health Administration

NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR ALCOHOL INFORMATION

P.O. Box 2345

Rockville, MD 20852

PHONE: 301-948-4450

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Alcoholism.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information (NCALI) has been established as a service of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) for the purpose of making widely available the current knowledge on alcohol-related subjects. Operated by General Electric Company under contract to NIAAA, NCALI offers reference services and NIAAA printed materials, free of charge, to interested individuals. Areas of coverage relative to alcoholism include: 1) general information about the disease, 2) psychological studies, 3) physiology, biochemistry and medicine, 4) research using animals, 5) programs, services and facilities, 6) treatment and therapies, 7) mental health, 8) criminal justice and legislation, 9) safety and accidents, 10) sociology and cultural anthropology, 11) education and training programs about alcohol, 12) alcohol and employment, labor and industry, 13) alcohol programs in the military, civil service and for veterans, 14) statistical and demographic research on alcohol use and abuse and 15) studies on alcohol use among various groups of people. Information for practitioners on how to set up and administer an alcoholism program or treatment center is particularly strong; medical research is covered but not emphasized.

SERVICES: NCALI provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers (generally local treatment and counseling organizations), 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) prepares bibliographies indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests, 7) sends the organization's publication and 8) permits on-site use of its holdings which include over 40,000 in-house materials on alcoholism. A catalog providing citations to films or other audiovisuals in this area is available on request.

Automated searches of the NCALI computer files containing over 60,000 citations to specific information on literature, statistics, studies and papers are provided on request. A monthly current awareness service is available to provide individuals with notification of the latest literature (technical and scientific books, journal articles and conference proceedings) in over 100 special interest areas; abstract cards are supplied with complete bibliographic references and information on how to obtain materials from private publishers or from the Clearinghouse.

Publications of NIAAA, including books, pamphlets and directories are provided in limited quantities, as are Group Interest Guides, bibliography booklets giving an overview of selected publications in 15 broad subject areas. Subscriptions to two periodicals are available: 1) NIAAA INFORMATION AND FEATURE SERVICE, presenting articles on trends, opinions and programs across the nation; highlights of NIAAA and other alcoholism organizations; and topics of special interest and 2) ALCOHOL HEALTH AND RESEARCH WORLD, a quarterly bulletin for those engaged in research, prevention or treatment of alcoholism, featuring survey articles, program reports, interviews, book reviews and exchanges of opinion. A publications list is provided on request.

Age: Information is primarily about the adult and adolescent age group.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NCALI. Specific target groups include professionals and paraprofessionals in alcoholism, the general public, educators (curriculum packages are available), occupational counselors, military and community groups.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. A subscription fee is charged for ALCOHOL HEALTH AND RESEARCH WORLD. Limited quantities of publications are available free; multiple copies must be obtained at cost from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Notes: The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information was established in 1972 under private contract to the General Electric Company.

NCALI is located at 9119 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20760; however, written inquiries should be addressed to the above address.

NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR DRUG ABUSE INFORMATION

National Institute on Drug Abuse, Alcohol,
Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration,
Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
11400 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852
PHONE: 301-443-6500

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Drug addiction.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: THE National Clearinghouse for Drug Abuse Information (NCDAI), operated by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, serves as the central source for the collection and dissemination of drug abuse scientific information within the Federal Government and provides services to both lay and professional inquirers. NCDAI's information dissemination service includes: 1) the Drug Abuse Communications Network (DRACON), providing localized information services to communities across

the country, 2) a publications development operation, 3) a computer automated literature and program search service and 4) the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Library, serving the needs of drug abuse professionals and others both inside and outside the Federal Government. NCDAl provides general information about drug abuse as well as information on the prevention of drug abuse, the treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance of persons who abuse drugs, psycho-social services available and research into the drug abuse problem. The Clearinghouse is particularly strong in providing information to the general public based on research data.

SERVICES: The Clearinghouse provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests, through its computer automated literature and program search services (described in Special Information Services below) and 7) permits on-site use of the NIDA Library which houses one of the few specialized collections of books, journals, reports, reference texts and audiovisuals on drug abuse and related disciplines. Information services are also provided locally through a decentralized outreach service of NCDAl, the Drug Abuse Communications Network (described in Special Information Services below).

Most of NCDAl's requests for information are answered by distributing general packets of information on drugs and their effects. The keystone of the general information packet is QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT DRUG ABUSE, the basic factbook of the Clearinghouse since 1970. It is updated periodically and contains questions and answers about drugs, an I.Q. test, guidelines for community action and a condensed section on drug abuse prevention. Other general publications for target audiences are: SUPER ME, SUPER YOU, for children, ages 4-6; and ALTERNATIVES TO DRUG ABUSE: STEPS TOWARD PREVENTION, for young people, educators and prevention staff.

Fact sheets and short reference lists are distributed for more specific drug information. Specialized information packets developed for use in community activity programs, schools, treatment settings, prevention programs or other drug abuse related efforts are also available. For drug abuse researchers, treatment personnel and for training prevention professionals, the Clearinghouse distributes manuals, reports and scientific reviews and bibliographies developed by NIDA professional staff and the Clearinghouse. A comprehensive list of all current NCDAl publications is available on request.

All NCDAl publications are pretested prior to release to ensure technical accuracy, effective presentation, appropriate targeting for the intended audience and the elimination of counter productive messages. This service is also offered, free of charge, to public and private producers of drug education information and prevention materials in an attempt to elevate the quality of publications currently available.

A technical panel and a representative audience review and report on the publication. Materials for this service should be submitted to the Communications Services Branch Pretest Service.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Clearinghouse. On-site use of the NIDA Library is available to any interested person; loan services are restricted to NIDA professional staff.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Multiple copies of publications and bulk orders of brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets can be obtained from the U.S. Government Printing Office for a fee.

Special Information Services: A special service of NCDAl is its computer automated literature and program search services. Through the Resources and Materials File (RMF), the Clearinghouse provides bibliographic printouts of abstracts of the world's literature and materials on drug abuse. The Clearinghouse Program File (CPF) makes directory information on current drug abuse treatment programs in all modalities throughout the United States readily available. Search requests specifying relevant keywords or concepts should be sent to the Clearinghouse Search Service.

Local information services are provided by NCDAl through its Drug Abuse Communications Network (DRACON). A decentralized outreach service of NCDAl, DRACON supports drug abuse information centers in their efforts to satisfy the needs of general or specialized audiences in a specific geographic region.

The Network membership, consisting of State and county government programs, regional resource centers, universities, training centers and libraries throughout the country, is involved in many information activities including: 1) developing specialized resource materials, 2) conducting need assessment surveys, 3) consulting and prevention/education media campaigns and 4) responding to requests from the general public. Additionally, the membership meets twice a year to exchange information and ideas on information center operations. Single State agencies, local government programs and independent organizations interested in becoming members of the Network should contact the DRACON coordinator at the Clearinghouse.

Notes: The National Clearinghouse on Drug Abuse Information (NCDAl) was established in 1970 by Executive Order of the President to begin the task of sorting out the myths, innuendos, distortions and inaccuracies that had permeated much of the available information about drug abuse, and to translate the remaining facts into clear, unbiased, scientifically based materials for the general public. The Clearinghouse is now part of the National Institute on Drug Abuse established in 1973 by bringing together drug abuse programs primarily from the National Institute of Mental Health and the Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention. The Reorganization Order was subsequently incorporated into the "Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcohol Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1974" (Public Law 93-282, Section 204).

Requests for publications and general information on drug abuse should be addressed to NCDAI, P.O. Box 1635, Rockville, MD 20852; requests for information on DRACON, the Search Services and the Pretest Service should be sent to the above address. Phone inquiries are also accepted.

NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION

National Institute of Mental Health,
Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Rockwall Room 505
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20852
PHONE: 301-443-4517

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental/emotional disorders in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Clearinghouse for Mental Health Information (NCMHI) is charged with collecting and disseminating mental health information. Specific areas of interest include: 1) general information about mental disorders, 2) health, including prevention of mental disorders, diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 3) psycho-social services, 4) civil rights/legislation (especially publications/referrals to patients involuntarily committed, payment for counseling information, information on payment for patient work at institutions and information on minority problems associated with mental health), 5) religion (i.e. information on pastoral functions within institutions) and 6) research.

SERVICES: The mandate of NCMHI requires the prompt and effective dissemination of mental health information to individuals and organizations in mental health. Specifically, the Clearinghouse has the function to: 1) acquire and abstract the world's mental health literature, 2) collect scientific, technical and other information on mental illness and health from the staff and operating components of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and from sources outside the Institute, 3) classify, store and retrieve information for dissemination to the mental health community, private and lay organizations and other components of NIMH, 4) prepare special scientific publications, 5) act as official publisher for the Institute and 6) answer general inquiries from the public. In fulfilling these functions, the Clearinghouse provides the following information services to any lay or professional inquirer: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 6) permits on-site use of its holdings by the inquirer. For the professional inquirer, NCMHI will also prepare bibliographies and abstracts in response to individual requests; this is done via a computer search of the NCMHI data base (explained in detail below).

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information; however, computer searches of the literature are only done for professionals.

Fees: All information, including computer searches, is provided free of charge.

Special Information Services: To speed the efficient dissemination of its information, NCMHI has stored much of its information in computer files. This information is abstracted from worldwide sources including journals, books, films, technical and program reports, audio and visual tapes, monographs, workshop and conference proceedings and symposia from 43 different countries written in 21 different languages. As of May 1975, there were over 205,000 abstracts on line in the system, with about 40,000 abstracts added to the files annually. A complete bibliographic citation, the author's address, an abstract (approx. 250 words in English) and descriptive index terms for each document are stored and are retrievable by machine search techniques. Mental health professionals, research scientists, clinicians, professionals in many fields and agencies may request a computer printout of citations and abstracts on a specific topic from the Clearinghouse. This is a free service offered to the professional community in the interest of speeding the research process, fostering innovation in practice and stimulating information exchange.

More than 10,000 scientific inquiries are processed yearly, an active publications program is maintained and NCMHI provides technical consultation on the development and use of information services. Notes: The National Clearinghouse for Mental Health Information was established in 1963. In addition to its other functions, the Clearinghouse publishes PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY ABSTRACTS and other publications, as needed, for lay personnel of mental health hospitals, clinics and other facilities.

For information, contact NCMHI at the above address.

Office Of Education

BUREAU OF EDUCATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED Office of Education,
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20202
PHONE: 202-245-2709

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sensory impairments in general, communicative impairments in general, orthopedic impairments, neurological disorders in general, learning disabilities, mental retardation and other health impairments by reason of which special education is needed.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Bureau of Education for the Handicapped (BEH) is the principal agency within the Office of Education (OE) for developing Federal policy and administering and carrying out programs and projects relating to the education and training of handicapped individuals. BEH has four divisions: 1) Division of Innovation and Development which provides support for development and dissemination of results of applied research in education and for the implementation of model demonstration programs, 2) Division of Personnel Preparation which administers grants and provides guidance, technical assistance and support to colleges, universities, State educational agencies and nonprofit institutions to train teachers, clinicians and allied personnel in special education, 3) Division of Assistance to States which administers programs of financial assistance to State and local education agencies for developing and implementing plans and programs for the education of handicapped children, and for demonstration programs for special target groups of handicapped children, specifically deaf-blind and severely and multiply handicapped children and 4) Division of Media Services which administers a loan service of captioned films for deaf persons, and disseminates other media products (films, tapes, videotapes, etc.) to handicapped persons, the parents of handicapped children and persons working with handicapped individuals; and the Learning Resource Centers Program, which includes the Area Learning Resource Centers/Specialized Offices/National Center on Educational Media and Materials for the Handicapped (ALRC/SO/NCEMMH) system and the Regional Resource Centers Program. (ALRC/SO/NCEMMH works with State and local media-materials programs in providing teachers and students with information on media and materials in special education, their availability and instruction in their use. NCEMMH assists in identifying the need for specialized instructional materials, in arranging for commercial or noncommercial distribution of newly developed instructional and teacher training materials, coordinates the ALRC/SO/NCEMMH network, and operates the National Instructional Materials Information System (NIMIS), a computer retrieval system used by the ALRCs to locate information about special education instructional materials for teachers, parents and other educators. SOs develop, adapt and distribute instructional materials for visually handicapped, hearing impaired, and other handicapped individuals.

The ALRC/SO/NCEMMH system complements the Regional Resource Centers which identify, diagnose and prescribe programs for handicapped students.).

SERVICES: BEH provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) provides films or other audiovisuals and 7) permits on-site use of its holdings which include reports of research, final reports of projects and various other publications.

Age: Information provided by BEH pertains to handicapped students in the 0-21 years age group.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from BEH. BEH serves handicapped individuals, their families, friends and professionals working with them, researchers, the general public, Congress, the White House, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and other State and Federal agencies.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Bureau of Education for the Handicapped was established in OE in 1967 under Public Law 89-750.

Individual program managers should be contacted regarding information on programs under their jurisdictions. For referral within BEH, contact Bertram I. Weiner, Director, Program Management Information Staff at the above address. Parents seeking information on the availability of special education services should contact Closer Look (see separate listing).

Health Resources Administration

NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS Health Resources Administration,
Public Health Service,
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20852
PHONE: 301-443-1200

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) is the only Federal agency established specifically to collect and disseminate data on health in the United States. The Center designs and maintains national data collection systems, conducts research in statistical and survey methodology and cooperates with other agencies in the United States and in foreign countries in activities to increase the availability and usefulness of health data.

Through its surveys and inventories, the Center produces and disseminates data on illness and disability and on their prevalence and impact in the population. Data have been collected on a number of handicapping conditions and data on the prevalence of most conditions include some indicators of severity and impact. Also collected are data on the supply and use of health services.

From the Center's vital statistics program comes the nation's official statistics on births, deaths, marriages and divorces. These data are available to the health community and to the general public in the forms of published reports, data tapes and special tabulations prepared in answer to specific requests. The only restrictions placed on the release of data are those which relate to confidentiality.

SERVICES: The primary information service of NCHS is distribution of its statistical data through published reports. These reports are in several series including: 1) the annual volumes of VITAL STATISTICS OF THE UNITED STATES, containing the official U.S. statistics on births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages and divorces, 2) the MONTHLY VITAL STATISTICS REPORT, containing monthly and cumulative provisional data on births, natural increase, marriages (or marriage licenses issued), deaths and infant deaths for States, certain cities, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands (U.S.), and on divorces for specified States and the Virgin Islands (U.S.) with brief analysis of these vital statistics; it also presents death rates by cause, age, color and sex, estimated from the returns of a 10 percent sample of death certificates filed in State and independent vital statistic offices and 3) the VITAL AND HEALTH STATISTICS SERIES, containing data: on program and collection procedures; on evaluation and methods research; on analytical studies; on documents and committee reports; from the Health Interview Survey; from the Health Examination Survey; from the Institutional Population

manpower and facilities; on mortality; on natality, marriage and divorce; and from the National Natality and Mortality Surveys. Specifically, data on the Health Interview Survey (Series 10) provides statistics on illness, accidental injuries, disability, use of hospital, medical, dental and other services and other health related topics based on data collected in a continuing national household interview survey; data from the Health Examination Survey (Series 11) contains data from direct examination, testing and measurement of national samples of the civilian, noninstitutional population which provides the basis for two types of reports: 1) estimates of the medically defined prevalence of specific diseases in the United States and the distributions of the population with respect to physical, physiological and psychological characteristics and 2) analysis of relationships among the various measurements without reference to an explicit finite universe of persons; the data from the Institutional Population Surveys (Series 12) provides statistics relating to the health characteristics of persons in institutions, and their medical, nursing and personal care received, based on national samples of establishments elementary units (persons, events or business establishments), are fixed-conted format Standardized Micro-Data Tapes with appropriate documentations. Approximately 80 data sets are available for purchase, with data: on health manpower and facilities, including family planning service sites; on health resources utilization, including the Hospital Discharge Survey and the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey; on vital events, including natality, mortality, marriage and divorce; from the National Natality and Mortality Followback Surveys; from the Health Interview Survey; and from the Health Examination Survey, including Cycle 1--adults and Cycle 2--children, 6-11. These tapes are supplied for individuals' statistical research or reporting purposes only; NCHS data contain no analyses, interpretations or conclusions.

In addition to providing publications and data tapes, NCHS also: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. All information services are provided to both lay and professional inquirers.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NCHS. Information is particularly tailored to meet the needs of health professionals and researchers, however.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. With few exceptions, single copies of publications are supplied without charge, on request; multiple copies are available at cost from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office. Fees are charged for the annual four volume VITAL STATISTICS OF THE UNITED STATES and for the Micro-Data Tape Transcripts.

Notes: The National Center for Health Statistics was established in 1960 as a research oriented statistical organization. Its mission is

to develop and maintain systems capable of providing reliable, general purpose, national, descriptive health statistics for the use of the health industry and related industries, both public and private. It currently receives its authorization from Public Law 93-353, section 306.

The major data collection and analysis resources operated by NCHS are: Division of Vital Statistics; Division of Health Interview Statistics; Division of Health Examination Statistics; Division of Health Resources Utilization Statistics; and the Division of Health Manpower and Facilities Statistics. The Center plays a major role in the development of the country's health statistics policy and programs. In the Cooperative Health Statistics System, the Center is building a coalition of Federal, State and local agencies, working to provide data in sufficient geographic detail to serve State and local needs; this activity will expand the scope of national health data. Training for statistical personnel in this and other countries is also a major activity.

For information, call or write the Scientific and Technical Information Branch at the above address. For a 24-hour a day publications service, call the publications hotline 301-443-NCHS.

NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT
OF HUMAN SERVICES (PROJECT SHARE)

P.O. Box 2309

Rockville, MD 20850

PHONE: 301-881-4063

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Clearinghouse for Improving the Management of Human Services (PROJECT SHARE) is an information clearinghouse created by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to provide State and local planners and managers of human services with current information on innovative approaches (Federal and non-Federal) to improving planning, management and delivery of those services. Special emphasis is placed by PROJECT SHARE on information about integration of services at the delivery level.

The document collection includes: published and unpublished papers, theses and research reports; evaluation and survey reports; project descriptions (completed and ongoing); descriptions of innovative practices; needs assessment methodologies and social indicator reports; operating manuals, implementing reports, conference proceedings, papers and "how to" guides; technical reports; project plans/designs; reports on specific human services integrating techniques; and bibliographies. Its scope includes but is not limited to comprehensive planning; integrated administration of service delivery; management technology; government roles and functions; educational programs relevant to integrated services; legislation and regulations on integrated services; services integration methodology; and evaluation methodology.

SERVICES: PROJECT SHARE provides a number of information services and products for the human services planner and administrator. These include: 1) announcement of documents recently received by the PROJECT in the quarterly JOURNAL OF HUMAN SERVICES ABSTRACTS, 2) Executive Summaries of major documents in the collection, 3) annotated bibliographies on selected topics of major interest to human services planners and managers, 4) PROJECT SHARE monographs with State-of-the-Literature and State-of-Knowledge reports, 5) automated searching of documents available on an inquirer's topic of interest and 6) referral to other sources of information when necessary.

User Eligibility: The Clearinghouse is specifically established to serve the information needs of human services planners and managers.

Fees: All information, including the topical Bibliography Series and the JOURNAL OF HUMAN SERVICES ABSTRACTS is provided free of charge to eligible users. Fees for specific documents requested vary. Executive Summaries are free of charge.

Notes: PROJECT SHARE is operated by Aspen Systems for the Office of Intergovernmental Systems, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. It was created to meet an expressed need by State and local officials for current information on innovative approaches to improving the planning and management activities involved in delivering human services.

For information, call or write PROJECT SHARE at the above address.

NATIONAL HEALTH PLANNING INFORMATION CENTER
P.O. Box 31
Rockville, MD 20850
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HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Health Planning Information Center (NHPIC) was established by the National Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-641) to facilitate the exchange of information on the practice and methods of health services, health resources and health planning. The Center is designed to accomplish two major objectives: 1) establish an information base for health planning and 2) facilitate access to this information base through a variety of products and services.

The information contains data on a wide variety of health planning topics, such as: financial management techniques; community and population characteristics; evaluation criteria and quality assurance; the need for and utilization of health care services; models for projecting future health care need/demand, supply of health resources, etc.; health-related environmental/occupational studies; health care technology; health delivery plans and studies; health education studies; and cost of health care studies.

In addition to the above topics, the Center will develop a number of health planning specialty areas. The first of these, currently operational, is on nurse manpower planning.

SERVICES: NHPIC services include: 1) announcement of relevant documents in the WEEKLY GOVERNMENT ABSTRACTS on health planning published by the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 2) publication of state-of-the-art monographs in the HEALTH PLANNING INFORMATION SERIES and the HEALTH PLANNING METHODS AND TECHNOLOGY SERIES, 3) production of the Center's newsletter (special NHPIC issue of HEALTH RESOURCES NEWS) and 4) bibliographies on topics of interest to individuals in the health planning community. In addition, there are specialized searches of the Center's automated information files in response to specific individual literature requests received by telephone or mail.

User Eligibility: The information base was established primarily to meet the needs of the local planning agencies and their governing bodies established under P. L. 93-641. Other users include health care facility planners, professional health-related organizations, educational institutions and others involved in the delivery of health care services.

Fees: The majority of the services, except document dissemination, are provided free of charge.

Notes: NHPIC was mandated by Section 1533(c) of the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-641). The Center is administered by the Bureau of Health Planning and Resources Development in the Health Resources Administration of the Public Health Service in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The Center is also a component of the Division of Planning Methods and Technology, which is responsible for the development of health planning methods and for the dissemination of findings.

The Center consists of three components. The first is the U.S. Government component, which is primarily responsible for coordinating the activities within the Center and for establishing policy with respect to products and services to be offered. The second is Aspen Systems Corporation, which is under contract to implement document acquisition, document surrogation and related processing. Aspen is also responsible for processing inquiries, preparing monographs and issuing special Center publications. The third component, the National Technical Information Service, serves as the NHPIC documentation center.

To fulfill its mission, the Center seeks documents relevant to all aspects of health planning. Especially valuable are copies of local, regional or multiregional health plans that clearly delineate and define the methods and procedures used in their development.

For additional information, telephone or write the Center at the above address.

Health Services Administration

CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S SERVICES Office of Maternal and Child Health,
Bureau of Community Health Services, Health Services Administration,
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
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Rockville, MD 20852
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HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Sensory impairments in general (requiring surgical correction) musculoskeletal/orthopedic conditions in general, neurological disorders in general, blood disorders in general, speech impairments, diabetes mellitus, some cardiovascular disorders, some respiratory conditions, burns, disfigurement and cancers.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Crippled Children's Services program provides financial support to the States to extend and improve medical (particularly diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitative services) and related services to crippled children and children suffering from conditions that lead to crippling. There is special emphasis on providing funding for services in rural areas and areas suffering from severe economic distress.

The program also provides grants for special projects of regional or national significance which may contribute to the advancement of services for crippled children. These grants are basically training grants for postgraduate professional training for persons involved in service delivery to crippled children (i.e. doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, etc.) and are usually made to institutions of higher learning. Some of the funds are also channeled into direct service projects. These grants make up approximately 25 percent of the appropriation for Crippled Children's Services.

SERVICES: The Crippled Children's Services program office provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts. Referrals are frequently made to State Crippled Children's Services for direct services. A booklet, SERVICES FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN, is available on request.

Age: Information pertains to services provided to children 0-21 years of age.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information. Frequent inquirers include State Crippled Children Services administrators and persons representing institutions of higher learning.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Crippled Children's Services program developed as part of Title V of the 1935 Social Security Act.

Of the formula grants and project grants available, part of the monies are distributed among the States. These funds are referred to as Fund A. Each State receives the same basic grant and a proportion of the remaining appropriation as the number of children under 21 in the State bears to the total number of such children in the United States. States must at least match dollar for dollar the funds distributed to them under this section.

The other half of the grant fund is known as Fund B, part of which, finances special projects of regional and national significance which may contribute to the advancement of services for crippled children. Mainly these projects consist of training grants to institutions of higher learning for postgraduate professional training for persons involved in service delivery to crippled children, such as doctors, nurses, social workers and therapists. The remainder of Fund B is distributed among the States according to financial need. No matching is required for funds allotted under this section.

The Federal regulations for Crippled Children's Services mandate several conditions that must be met for an acceptable State plan to receive financial assistance: 1) diagnosis and evaluation services must be free to all children, 2) the age range must be birth to 21 years, 3) provisions for treatment services must include at least services by physicians, appliances, hospital care and after care as needed and 4) there must be no State residency period before provision of services.

For information, contact Dr. Donna O'Hare at the above address.

National Institutes Of Health/PHS

CLINICAL CENTER National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service,
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Bldg. 10
Bethesda, MD 20014
PHONE: 301-496-2563

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Clinical Center of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is a combined research laboratory and hospital providing patient care in support of the clinical investigations conducted by the categorical Institutes. At full capacity the Center can accommodate more than 500 carefully selected patients, in both normal and abnormal physical and emotional health, who are studied by researchers from the various Institutes in an effort to advance medical knowledge of prevalent diseases. The Center conducts programs to encourage the continuous interchange of information and ideas between the many specialized branches of medical and laboratory science at NIH. It also fosters such interchange with medical and other scientific personnel throughout the world.

SERVICES: The information provided by the Center concerns its own programs and studies. Lay and professional requests for information are answered by phone or letter, and inquirers referred to other information centers when necessary. Reprints of the proceedings of clinical staff conferences are available to physicians on request.

Direct clinical services are made available to selected patients on physician referral. A booklet, CURRENT CLINICAL STUDIES AND PATIENT REFERRAL PROCEDURE (available to physicians only), describes the studies in progress for which patients are needed and the procedure to be followed by a physician making a referral. This booklet is distributed to physicians and dentists throughout the country. The pamphlet, PATIENT ADMISSION PROCEDURES, is distributed to the general public and briefly describes the Center, its clinical program and how to apply for admission through a physician.

The Center also conducts a "Normal Volunteer Patient Program" to provide information about healthy people to compare with ill patients. Selection of normal volunteer patients is determined by research needs and, for the most part, volunteers are recruited through special arrangements with certain universities, colleges, church organizations and civic groups with whom NIH has contracts. Information about this program is provided in the booklet, THE NIH NORMAL VOLUNTEER PATIENT PROGRAM.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Center; however, most information is tailored to professional needs.

To be eligible for the clinical program, an individual must be referred by a physician and have a particular kind or stage of a disease or other condition that is required for a research project. Most clinical research is concerned with the more common diseases; the Center seldom admits patients with conditions which doctors have been unable to diagnose.

Eligibility requirements for this and the normal patient program vary with research studies in progress, and the Center should be contacted to ascertain current needs.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Clinical services are free to patients admitted to various programs.

Notes: The Clinical Center first admitted patients in 1953. In addition to its primary programs, the Center also conducts research in methods and techniques of hospital care in a medical research environment and serves as a model of study for professionals in biomedical research and related fields.

For general information, contact the Center at the above address. Physicians wishing to refer patients should write the Office of the Director. Individuals seeking information on the Normal Volunteer Patient Program should call or write the Program Chief (telephone 301-496-4763).

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE National Institutes of Health,
Public Health Service,
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
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HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All cancers.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Cancer Institute (NCI) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the Federal Government's principal agency for research on cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation and for dissemination of information on the control of cancer. NCI coordinates the National Cancer Program (authorized by the National Cancer Act of 1971), encompassing programs of NCI and cancer research in other NIH Institutes and other Federal and non-Federal programs, with the advice of the National Cancer Advisory Board. It also cooperates and collaborates with voluntary organizations and other institutions, industries and societies engaged in cancer research activities. In addition to in-house research, NCI provides support for extramural investigation and training for professionals in cancer research.

Information on all aspects of cancer, including: 1) general information, 2) education of personnel working with cancer patients and 3) research, is collected and made generally available. Information is particularly strong in all areas of cancer cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, control and rehabilitation.

SERVICES: The Office of Cancer Communications (OCC) is the major source of communications within NCI and between the Institute and a variety of publics. OCC provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

Publications of NCI are also important information sources. The monthly JOURNAL OF THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE is one of several journals presenting original reports of cancer research by scientists throughout the world. Other NCI publications include the Monograph Series which publishes proceedings of scientific meetings and other lengthy reports, and CANCER TREATMENT REPORTS. CARCINOGENESIS ABSTRACTS and CANCER THERAPY ABSTRACTS contain short summaries and citations of articles appearing in thousands of scientific journals. Research results of NCI staff, grantees and contractors are also published as articles in other scientific and medical journals and presented in papers read at scientific meetings.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NCI. Handicapped individuals, their families, friends and professionals working with them, researchers, teachers, students, the general public, the U.S. Congress and other government agencies all routinely use NCI's information services.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Special Information Services: The International Cancer Research Data Bank (ICRDB) Program of the National Cancer Institute collects and disseminates information to scientists and health professionals. One major ICRDB service is CANCERLINE, a computer automated data system operated by the National Library of Medicine (NLM).

CANCERLINE, contains more than 50,000 cancer literature abstracts published internationally over the last 13 years. Each year about 20,000 abstracts are added to the system, including research in cancer therapy, carcinogenesis, immunology, biochemistry and cancer biology. Abstracts can be retrieved by searching the system according to author, disease, drug or other factors. The system is available to scientists for on-line searching through more than 500 computer terminals at medical libraries throughout the U.S. linked to the NLM computer network.

Notes: The National Cancer Institute was established by the National Cancer Act of 1937 as part of the Public Health Service. Through the National Cancer Act of 1971, which expanded the national cancer program, NCI's scope has greatly enlarged.

Research supported by the Institute is organized into broad areas of cancer biology and diagnosis; cause and prevention; treatment; and control and rehabilitation.

NCI supports 18 Cancer Clinical Cooperative Groups comprised of about 2,200 investigators at more than 400 institutions throughout the country. These groups evaluate new therapeutic approaches and

conduct clinical trials of cancer chemotherapy, radiotherapy and surgery, used individually and in complex combinations, to investigate the best possible treatment for patients and various types of cancer. The National Cancer Institute has also designated 18 Comprehensive Cancer Centers around the country to investigate new methods of diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients and to provide new scientific knowledge to physicians who are treating cancer patients. NCI awards grants for basic research studies; clinical studies; cancer centers; construction and renovation of research facilities; manpower development, training and education; and cancer control. The services of profit-making organizations are extensively utilized in the National Cancer Program through the contract mechanism. Grants and contracts may also be awarded to foreign scientists for research related to the major thrusts of the cancer program. For information, call or write the Office of Cancer Communications at the above address.

NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE National Institutes of Health,
Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
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Bethesda, MD 20014
PHONE: 301-496-5248

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness/visual impairments, with particular emphasis on retinal and choroidal diseases, glaucoma, corneal diseases, cataract and sensory and motor disorders of vision; also diabetes mellitus, cancers and genetic disorders as they relate to loss of vision.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Eye Institute (NEI) has primary responsibility within NIH and the Federal Government for supporting and conducting research aimed at improving prevention, diagnosis and treatment of visual disorders. To this end, NEI: 1) supports, through grants, fellowships and contracts to medical schools and research institutions, research and research training aimed at improving the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of visual disorders, 2) conducts laboratory and clinical research at its own facilities and fosters statistical and epidemiological studies of visual disorders in human populations, 3) fosters research on the rehabilitation of visually impaired persons, 4) encourages the application of research findings to clinical practice, 5) heightens public awareness of vision problems and 6) cooperates with voluntary organizations which engage in related activities. In addition, NEI provides general information on eye disorders and on equipment/special devices/aids available to visually impaired persons. Information is particularly strong on prevention, diagnosis and treatment of visual disorders, research in this area, statistics on prevalence, incidence and costs of eye disorders and on U.S. support of vision research.

SERVICES: NEI provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. NEI also provides annual listings of projects supported by other organizations and funding information when available.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NEI. Handicapped individuals, their families, friends and professionals working with them, researchers and the general public all routinely use NEI's information services.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Fees are levied for grant listings.

Notes: The National Eye Institute was authorized by Public Law 90-489 on August 16, 1968 and was established in December of that year.

For information, call or write the Office of Program Planning and Scientific Reporting at the above address.

NATIONAL HEART, LUNG AND BLOOD INSTITUTE

National Institutes of Health,

Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

Bethesda, MD 20014

PHONE: 301-496-4236

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Cardiovascular disorders in general, respiratory conditions in general, blood disorders in general and stroke.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The mission of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) is to provide leadership for a national program in diseases of the heart, blood vessels, blood and lungs and in the use of blood and the management of blood resources.

To this end, NHLBI: 1) supports research, clinical trials and demonstrations relating to the causes, prevention, methods of diagnosis and treatment (including emergency medical treatment of these diseases, at its own laboratories and through contracts and research grants to individual scientists, 2) plans and directs research in the development, trial and evaluation of drugs and devices relating to the prevention and treatment of these diseases and rehabilitation of patients suffering from them, 3) studies the clinical use of blood and the management of blood resources and supports training of manpower to participate in research programs relating to these diseases, 4) coordinates with other research Institutes and with all Federal agency programs relating to these diseases, including programs in hypertension, stroke, respiratory distress and sickle cell anemia and 5) conducts educational activities for lay and professional persons, including the collection and dissemination of materials on prevention, and maintains continuing relationships with institutions, professional associations and international, national, State and local officials, and voluntary agencies and organizations working in these areas.

SERVICES: NHLBI provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquirers by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests, 7) provides films or other audiovisuals and 8) permits on-site use of its holdings which include books, journals, subject indexes and a search and retrieval system. Professionals are also referred to direct service providers when necessary.

Numerous professional and general publications are available from NHLBI, including reports on research, handbooks (notably, THE DIETARY MANAGEMENT OF HYPERLIPOPROTEINEMIA, a handbook for physicians and dieticians) and similar materials.

The CATALOG OF INFORMATION AND EDUCATION MATERIALS is provided on request.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NHLBI. Frequent inquirers are researchers and members of the general public.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees are levied for bibliographies, indexes or abstracts prepared in response to certain individual requests.

Notes: The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (formerly the National Heart and Lung Institute) was authorized by the National Heart Act (Public Law 655) in 1948.

Programs of NHLBI are carried out through five divisions. These are: 1) Division of Heart and Vascular Diseases, 2) Division of Lung Diseases, 3) Division of Blood Diseases and Resources, 4) Division of Extramural Affairs and 5) Division of Intramural Research. Some activities currently sponsored by NHLBI are: 1) arteriosclerosis and coronary heart disease research, 2) Lipid Research Clinics, 3) Specialized Centers of Research (SCORs) on Arteriosclerosis, 4) Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial (MRFIT, designed to determine whether and to what extent the incidence of first heart attacks and of death from coronary heart disease can be reduced among men aged 35-54 by countermeasures against three major risk factors: elevated blood lipids, high blood pressure and cigarette smoking), 5) ischemic heart disease research, 6) research on hypertension, 7) Specialized Centers on Hypertension, 8) congenital heart disease research, 9) rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease research, 10) Specialized Centers of Research on Pulmonary Diseases, 11) thrombosis and hemorrhagic diseases research, 12) sickle cell disease research, 13) Specialized Centers of Research on Thrombosis and 14) cell fusion in research on Cooley's Anemia.

Other programs of special interest include: nutrition education programs for the treatment of hyperlipidemia; the Hypertension Detection and Follow-up Program to determine the extent to which illness and death associated with hypertension over a five-year period of blood pressure management; and the National High Blood Pressure Education Program designed to alert the public to: 1) the wide prevalence of hypertension, especially among U.S. blacks, 2) the threats posed to life and health by uncontrolled hypertension, 3) the availability of effective measures for blood pressure control and 4) the benefits of attending adequate therapy.

For information, call or write the Public Inquiries and Reports Branch at the above address.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES

National Institutes of Health,

Public Health Service Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

Bldg. 31, Rm. 7A-32

Bethesda, MD 20014

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HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Allergy and infectious diseases, including asthma, viral hepatitis, poliomyelitis, streptococcal diseases and sequelae, immune deficiency disease and venereal disease.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The mission of National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) is to conduct and support research which will contribute to a better understanding of the causes of allergic, immunologic and infectious diseases and to the development of better means of preventing, diagnosing and healing these illnesses. To this end, NIAID: 1) conducts basic research related to allergy and infectious diseases in its own laboratories, 2) provides research grants-in-aid to individuals and scientific institutions, 3) adapts and applies laboratory findings in the microbiological field to specific disease control measures, including the development and testing of prototype vaccines and investigations on antiviral substances, 4) develops, produces and distributes standardized virus reference reagents and allergens to the national scientific community, 5) adapts and applies laboratory findings in the field of immunology to the solution of the problem of graft rejection in organ transplantation and the diagnosis and treatment of allergies, 6) collaborates with various agencies in collecting and disseminating information on infectious and allergic diseases and 7) develops policies and procedures and directs and coordinates the Geographic Medicine Program.

SERVICES: NIAID provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) occasionally makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf. Lay inquirers are also occasionally provided with films and other audio-visuals.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NIAID. Frequent inquirers are patients and their relatives and students interested in science and health.

Notes: The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases was established in 1948 as the National Microbiological Institute. While NIAID concerns itself with the entire range of viral, bacterial, fungal, parasitic, and other infectious diseases, as well as with allergic and immunologic problems, certain areas are singled out for special attention. These include: 1) influenza, where new and improved vaccines are needed. The causative virus has the ability to shift rapidly, leading to pandemics about every ten years; 2) viral hepatitis types A and B, which present problems in isolation and growth for vaccine preparations. NIAID has made and is testing a prototype hepatitis B vaccine for possible use by workers and patients in dialysis units, blood banks, and other medical settings; 3) sexually-transmitted diseases whose many causes include chlamydial agents, mycoplasma, trichomonas, cytomegalovirus, and herpes simplex type II as well as the more familiar bacteria of syphilis and gonorrhea. For a variety of reasons, these diseases have been increasing rapidly over the past few years. The goal is better understanding of these diseases and preparation of vaccines or other agents against them; and 4) antiviral substances which are badly needed for treating and preventing a broad variety of viral infections.

NIAID conducts the U.S.-Japan Cooperative Medical Science Program, focused on diseases of major health importance to Asia, and the International Centers for Medical Research Program, through which international research contributes to the advancement of U.S. health sciences.

The Institute supports Asthma and Allergic Disease Centers in 15 institutions with strong laboratory programs. Their main purpose is to translate basic concepts in immunology, genetics, biochemistry and pharmacology into clinical investigations.

A transplantation and immunology program, begun in 1964 to help solve immunological problems of graft rejection in organ transplantation continues to be heavily supported. The Institute developed and maintains the world's chief source of reagents for identifying transplantation antigens, making donor and recipient matches possible. NIAID also has an extensive program to supply qualified researchers with commercially available reference reagents for various types of viral, mycoplasmal, bacterial, parasitic, allergic and immunologic research.

Individual National Research Service Awards are available for postdoctoral research training in allergic and immunologic diseases, bacterial and fungal diseases, viral diseases and parasitic diseases. Institutional National Research Service Awards are provided to assist domestic public and nonprofit institutions establish or strengthen research training programs for postdoctoral students in allergic and immunologic diseases and basic immune mechanisms, infectious diseases and basic microbiological mechanisms.

For information, write the Office of Research Reporting and Public Response at the above address.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS, METABOLISM AND DIGESTIVE DISEASES
National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service,
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
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Bethesda, MD 20014
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HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Arthritis/rheumatism, gastrointestinal conditions in general, metabolic/nutritional disorders in general and genitourinary disorders in general. The Institute has also done some research into skin and blood diseases which are the result of metabolic disorders.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases (NIAMDD) is primarily engaged in research concerning the causes and cures for the entire realm of arthritic and other connective tissue diseases; diabetic and other metabolic diseases; digestive diseases and nutrition; diseases of the kidney and urinary tract; and diseases of the blood, bones and skin. Research in the fundamental sciences, such as biochemistry, enzymology, molecular biology, histology, pathology, pharmacology, toxicology and genetics is conducted and supported insofar as these disciplines are pertinent to the Institute's sphere of interest. In addition to in-house research, the Institute provides grant and contract support for scientific investigation and for fellowships and training support for promising scientists.

SERVICES: In addition to research, the Institute provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets. "Current awareness" periodicals, containing bibliographic references and abstracts of the world's current biomedical literature of interest and significance to investigators and practitioners in fields represented by NIAMDD, are published by the Institute. These publications furnish central sources of specialized up-to-date information provided at present by no other publications, and make available to American investigators a wealth of pertinent scientific literature published in foreign languages abroad. Current publications are: INDEX OF DERMATOLOGY, DIABETES LITERATURE INDEX, GASTROENTEROLOGY ABSTRACTS AND CITATIONS and ENDOCRINOLOGY INDEX.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NIAMDD.

Fees: Generally information is provided free of charge. "Current awareness" publications and conference proceedings are on sale through the Superintendent of Documents. Contract reports are on sale at the National Technical Information Service.

Special Information Services: As the recipient of a multitude of scientific research and development reports resulting from its Artificial Kidney Program, the Institute plans to serve as a reference and communications center for research information on artificial

kidneys and dialysis for the investigators, practitioners and manufacturers involved in dialysis research both in the United States and abroad. Regular publications include the bimonthly KIDNEY DISEASE AND NEPHROLOGY INDEX, a comprehensive report of research and development contract findings, technical monographs, and printed proceedings of annual working conferences relevant to clinical aspects of chronic uremia.

Notes: NIAMDD was established by the 81st Congress through Public Law 692 enacted August 15, 1950. It is the principal Federal agency conducting and supporting research on the diseases in its areas of concentration. All requests for information should be directed to Victor Wartofsky, Office of Scientific and Technical Reports.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

National Institutes of Health,
Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Bethesda, MD 20014
PHONE: 301-496-5133

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Diseases or conditions affecting child or maternal health and human development, including among others, developmental disabilities (which include cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism and mental retardation), learning disabilities, communicative impairments in general, Tay-Sachs disease, Down's syndrome, Klinefelter's syndrome, Turner's syndrome, hyperbilirubinemia, phenylketonuria (PKU), galactosemia and sudden infant death syndrome.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) supports, fosters and coordinates research and training in areas relating to maternal health, child health, human development and population, focusing not on any one disease or part of the body but on the continuing process of growth and development, biological and behavioral, from reproduction and prenatal development, through infancy and childhood and on into maturation and aging. The Institute collects and disseminates research information related to its area of interest and provides research project grants to public and private institutions and individuals, as well as training grants and awards. Information is particularly strong on research relating to Down's syndrome, mental retardation, speech and language and speech and reading.

SERVICES: NICHD answers lay and professional inquirers by phone or letter and provides them with brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets on request. Lay inquirers are referred to other information centers or direct service providers when necessary.

Age: The information available from NICHD primarily concerns children 0-12 years of age. There is some information on adults, such as on maternal health.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NICHD. Persons from the general public make inquiries most frequently.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Fees are charged for brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets requested in bulk.

Notes: The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development was authorized by Public Law 87-838 in 1962.

Intramural programs of research are conducted through eight laboratories: 1) Behavioral Biology Branch, 2) Laboratory of Molecular Genetics, 3) Laboratory of Biomedical Sciences, 4) Pregnancy Research Branch, 5) Reproduction Research Branch, 6) Social and Behavioral Sciences Branch, 7) Neonatal and Pediatric Medicine Branch and 8) Developmental Pharmacology Branch.

Extramural research is conducted through: the Center for Population Research (CPR) which studies reproductive processes in humans and animals, with special emphasis on the development of contraceptive drugs and devices, for both men and women, and the study of immediate and long-term effects of contraceptives currently in use (branches of CPR are: Contraceptive Development; Behavioral Sciences; Population and Reproduction; and Contraceptive Evaluation); and the Center for Research for Mothers and Children (CRMC) which studies biomedical, behavioral and social sciences research related to the special health problems of mothers and children, including problems of human development from conception through maturation. Branches of the CRMC are: Pregnancy and Infancy; Growth and Development; and Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

Twelve Mental Retardation Research Centers are also operated throughout the U.S. For information, call or write the Office of Research Reporting, NICHD, at the above address.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DENTAL RESEARCH

National Institutes of Health,
Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Westwood Bldg.
Bethesda, MD 20014
PHONE: 301-496-4261

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Dental diseases and conditions, particularly craniofacial anomalies, caries (tooth decay) and periodontal disease.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Institute of Dental Research (NIDR) conducts, fosters and coordinates research into the causes, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of oral and dental diseases and conditions. Basic research in biochemistry, microbiology, immunology, physiology, anatomy, cell and molecular biology, genetics, pathology, bioengineering and the social and behavioral sciences is conducted and supported by the Institute, as well as extensive clinical, epidemiological and

applied studies relevant to its area of concern. The Institute also: cooperates and collaborates with numerous Federal and non-Federal groups engaged in basic, clinical, epidemiological and applied research pertinent to dental problems; provides grants-in-aid to universities, hospitals, other public and private institutions and to individuals for research training, fellowships and career development awards; supports applied research and development through contracts; and provides consultation, necessary dental examinations and treatment to research patients and to other Institutes at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) having clinical care responsibilities. In addition, NIDR conducts a comprehensive program of research in progress for scientists and the public through regularly scheduled publications, the media, exhibits and films.

SERVICES: NIDR provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts. The CLEFT PALATE TEAM DIRECTORY, which identifies specific cleft palate teams, their location, services, members and professional specialties, is also available. It is designed to aid families who are seeking cleft lip and cleft palate services by providing them with a referral guide to directors of service facilities, biomedical and psycho-social specialists serving cleft lip and cleft palate patients and State Crippled Children's Services.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NIDR.

Fees: Single copies of brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets are provided without charge.

Notes: The National Institute of Dental Research was established in 1948 by Public Law 755, the Dental Research Act.

Through its Extramural and National Caries Programs, NIDR provides funds for research in six categorical areas, each with specific disease and basic science interests. Program staff participate in such activities as: convening experts to assess the state of research concerning oral health problems; informing the scientific community of these assessments; administering grants and contracts for investigations; and research training and monitoring progress. Extramural programs are operated by the Periodontal Diseases Program Branch, Craniofacial Anomalies Program Branch, Restorative Materials Program Branch, Soft Tissue Stomatology and Nutrition Program Branch and Pain Control and Behavioral Studies Program Branch. The National Caries Program is a targeted effort using grants, contracts and direct research operations to develop the means to prevent tooth decay.

NIDR also supports dental research institutes/centers at the Universities of Alabama, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Washington. The program seeks to attract the knowledge and skills of scientists in disciplines not previously involved in dental research. For information, call or write the NIDR Office of Scientific and Health Reports at the above address.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL
AND COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS AND STROKE
National Institutes of Health,
Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Bldg. 31
Bethesda, MD 20014
PHONE: 301-496-5751

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Neurological disorders in general, communicative disorders in general, metabolic disorders in general, autism, learning disabilities, deafness/hearing impairments and deaf-blind.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke (NINCDS) is to conduct, foster and coordinate research into the causes, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of neurological and communicative disorders and stroke and in related areas. To this end, the Institute carries out a diversified program of intramural and collaborative research in its own laboratories, branches and clinics, provides grants-in-aid to public and private institutions and individuals in fields related to its areas of interest, including research project, program project and center grants and provides training grants and awards to increase professional research manpower in neurological and communicative fields. The Institute also collects and disseminates research information related to neurological and communicative disorders, as well as information on the formal education of neurologically or communicatively handicapped individuals and prosthetics available for them.

SERVICES: NINCDS provides the following information services to lay and professional persons: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests, 7) provides films or other audiovisuals and 8) permits on-site use of its holdings.

NINCDS has numerous publications available. A monograph series containing research and conference reports, reviews and other neurological science contributions is produced for physicians, scientists and other professional health workers. A Hope Through Research Series of leaflets for patients, their families and paramedical workers, containing general information on various neurological disorders, is also published.

Other publications of interest include: special reports summarizing the state of research and knowledge on stroke, Parkinson's disease, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, neuromuscular diseases and spinal cord injury (prepared in 1975); a CEREBROVASCULAR BIBLIOGRAPHY, a tool for research in this area; and a 1700 page bibliography on epilepsy. Reports on the manpower situation in several scientific specialties are in production. In 1975, special attention was given by the information program to multiple sclerosis (MS), amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), spinal cord injury and regeneration, hearing and speech disorders, epilepsy, autism and Huntington's disease. A publications list is available on request.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from NINCDS. Handicapped individuals, their families, friends and professionals working with them, researchers, voluntary agencies and the general public all make use of the information services.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke (formerly National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness) was established by Public Law 81-692 in 1950.

Special research programs of NINCDS focus on several target areas. The Collaborative Project on Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Other Neurological and Sensory Disorders of Infancy and Childhood was initiated in 1957 and includes 12 medical centers across the country. The object of the investigation has been to determine the relationship between factors affecting women during pregnancy, labor and delivery and the neurological and sensory disorders of their offspring. Offspring of 55,000 mothers have been studied and results are being analyzed. Research into the causes and prevention of stroke is a primary concern. The Institute's programming in this area includes a coordinated effort of investigator-initiated research, contract research and a program of stroke clinical research centers, 15 of which are currently active. In cooperation with the National Heart and Lung Institute (currently National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute), a Joint Council Subcommittee on Cerebrovascular Disease was formed in 1961 to provide for an organized research effort into this disease. Activities of the Subcommittee have included development of a bibliography, sponsorship of workshops and a series of conferences on cerebrovascular disease and development of a new internationally-accepted standardized classification and description of these diseases.

Research is also undertaken on spinal cord injury and regeneration and head injury. In the area of epilepsy, the work of five clinical research centers is being supplemented by the Institute's collaborative and field program of evaluating current and promising new anticonvulsant drugs. In 1975, the Institute established three comprehensive research and treatment center programs for epilepsy and related convulsive disorders.

The Communicative Disorders program is concerned with research on improving the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diseases which affect the ear, nose and throat and cause problems relating to hearing, language and speech. A 15-year program of fundamental intramural research has elucidated the biochemical defects in the genetically-determined group of lipid storage diseases afflicting mostly children and almost uniformly fatal. A long-term, mostly intramural, NINCDS program on slow viruses has culminated in the discovery that a number of rare degenerative diseases of the nervous system represent slow virus infections manifested many years after initial contact.

For information, call or write the Office of Scientific and Health Reports at the above address.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE National Institutes of Health,
Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20014
PHONE: 301-496-6095

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The mission of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) is to collect, organize and make available biomedical information to investigators, educators and practitioners and to carry out programs designed to develop and strengthen existing medical library services. According to NLM, it is the world's largest research library in a single scientific and professional field; it is also the central resource for the existing national biomedical information system (a system of co-operating regional and local medical libraries).

The Library collects materials exhaustively in some 40 biomedical areas and to a lesser degree, in such related subjects as general chemistry, physics, zoology, botany, psychology and instrumentation. The holdings include about one and a half million books, journals, technical reports, documents, theses, pamphlets, microfilms and pictorial and audiovisual materials; more than 70 languages are represented. Housed in the Library is one of the nation's largest medical history collections, with contents dating from the 11th to the mid-19th century.

Information relative to handicapping conditions or handicapped people is available in the following areas: 1) health, including prevention of disease, diagnostic evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and maintenance, 2) psycho-social services, 3) equipment/special devices/aids, including prosthetics and 4) research.

SERVICES: The primary information service of NLM is its computer-based Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System (MEDLARS) which was established to achieve rapid bibliographic access to NLM's vast store of biomedical information. It became operational in January 1964 with the publication of the first computer-produced issue of INDEX MEDICUS, a comprehensive, monthly subject-author index from approximately 2,200 of

the world's biomedical journals. The principal objective of MEDLARS is to provide references to biomedical literature for research scientists, clinicians and other health professionals. MEDLARS contains over 2.3 million references dating from 1964.

MEDLINE (MEDLARS On-Line) became operational in 1971 and provides the capability in medical libraries around the country to query the NLM computer's store of journal article references for instant retrieval. MEDLINE contains over 500,000 citations from 3,000 biomedical journals from the current year plus two previous years. Further coverage is provided by ancillary files which cover literature from 1966-1973. A data base containing only current month's citations, called SDILINE, is a subset of MEDLINE designed to provide a current awareness or selective dissemination of information service. MEDLINE is updated and SDILINE replaced each month. Information may be retrieved on a given subject by entering terms from article titles and/or abstracts or by entering any of 14,000 medical subject headings listed in the MEDLINE controlled vocabulary, MESH. MEDLINE is available at more than 350 institutions, government agencies and companies in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Asia.

In addition to on-line services, MEDLARS provides access to medical literature by: 1) preparing citations for publication in INDEX MEDICUS and the NLM Current Catalog, 2) compiling other recurring bibliographies on specialized subjects of wide interest and 3) publishing and distributing selected "Literature Searches" on a wide basis.

Publication lists are available on request and are included in monthly issues of INDEX MEDICUS.

To provide more rapid dissemination of biomedical information, the Library has developed a network arrangement through which interlibrary loan activities, MEDLARS and MEDLINE can be shared more efficiently by libraries around the nation. Eleven major institutions have been designated Regional Medical Libraries to provide service to other libraries in their regions. Although NLM remains the heart of the network, more and more services are being provided directly by regional libraries.

User Eligibility: The services of the National Library of Medicine are specifically intended for use by health science professionals. The NLM collection may be used by health professionals and students. Books and journals may be consulted in the reading room or, if not available from the user's local medical library, the material may be requested by the local library through interlibrary loan. Motion pictures are loaned to health professionals on request to the National Medical Audiovisual Center (Annex). MEDLINE is available through local subscribing institutions according to their user eligibility requirements.

Fees: Brochures about NLM services are provided free of charge. Fees for services including searches and publications vary.

Special Information Services: The Toxicology Information Program (TIP) was established in 1967 to provide a national focal point of access to information on toxicology. The Program is charged with setting up computer-based data banks of information from the literature of toxicology and from the files of collaborating organizations, both governmental and nongovernmental. Services operational so far include a Toxicology Information Response Center at the Oak Ridge National Library to provide various reference functions for the scientific community and TOXLINE (Toxicology Information On-Line). The TOXLINE data base includes citations and abstracts from the literature of toxicology and is accessed by remote terminals. TIP has also published a number of reference works in the broad field of toxicology.

The National Medical Audiovisual Center, located in Atlanta, Georgia, became part of NLM in 1967. The principal goal of the Center is to develop a national program to improve the quality and use of biomedical audiovisuals in schools of the health professions and throughout the biomedical community. The Center has programs in four areas: 1) information services to permit ready access to available instructional materials; this includes compiling catalogs and indexes and placing audiovisual cataloging data on-line for retrieval through the MEDLINE system, 2) a distribution system which makes the sharing of instructional materials economically and technically feasible, 3) assisting schools in planning and designing facilities for using instructional materials and 4) designing, developing, testing and evaluating instructional media materials.

Notes: The National Library of Medicine was originally established in 1836 as the Library of the Army Surgeon General's Office. By an act of Congress in 1956, the Library received its present name and was placed within the Public Health Service; in 1968 it became part of the National Institutes of Health.

The Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications was established within NLM to improve health care delivery, medical education and biomedical research through new applications of computer and communication technology. It also serves as the focal point within DHEW for coordination of biomedical communications systems and network projects. Current efforts include: coordination and planning on behalf of the health community for experimental health applications of Communications Technology Satellite, including public and professional education, remote professional consultation, communication of research results and teleconferencing in any of the health disciplines; research and development in the area of computer based education/computer-assisted instruction, for which a Learning Resources Laboratory has been established; and planning programs in continuing professional medical education.

NLM offers assistance to the nation's medical libraries for library resources, research in biomedical communication, biomedical publication and Regional Medical Libraries.

For information on NLM services, write NLM or call the above listed number. For audiovisual information, write the National Medical Audiovisual Center (Annex), Station K, Atlanta, Georgia 30324. Specific medical literature is available on interlibrary loan through a local medical library.

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS Office of the Secretary,
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
330 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201
PHONE: 202-245-6700

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general; specifically, any handicap which severely limits a major life activity; handicaps may be either physical or mental and also include diseases such as cancer, diabetes and epilepsy, as well as alcohol and drug addiction.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is responsible for investigating discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, mental and physical handicap and sex in Federally assisted programs. These programs include elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, health and social rehabilitation facilities, State agencies and Federal contractors and subcontractors. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 concerns discrimination on the basis of handicap. To enforce the provisions of Section 504, OCR has recently drafted regulations for programs receiving Federal assistance concerning: 1) barrier-free access to program facilities, 2) employment practices, 3) education, including preschool, elementary, secondary and post-secondary and 4) health, welfare and social services.

SERVICES: OCR provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. Some materials available from OCR include: copies of the FEDERAL REGISTER from May 17, 1976 and July 16, 1976 which contain the notice of key issues and proposed rules for implementation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; braille editions of the FEDERAL REGISTER of May 17, 1976 and July 16, 1976 published by Clovernook Printing House for the Blind (also available in disc form); a fact sheet explaining nondiscrimination against handicapped persons under Section 504 rules; WHAT DOES THE PROPOSED 504 REGULATION MEAN (Answers to Questions Received from the Public), a pamphlet explaining important parts of the new regulations; and charts comparing the provisions of Section 504 with other OCR statutory responsibilities.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from OCR. Any person who feels that discrimination exists in a Federally assisted program or is practiced by a Federal contractor or subcontractor is entitled to file a complaint with OCR or one of its regional offices.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: In addition to implementing the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, OCR also administers: 1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (concerning discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin), 2) Title IX, Section 901 of the Education Amendments of 1972 (concerning discrimination based on sex), 3) Executive Order 11246 (concerning nondiscrimination in employment by government contractors and subcontractors) and 4) sections 799A and 895 of the Public Health Service Act, Section 407 of the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 and Section 321 of the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970. It also enforces the provisions of other legislation barring discrimination in DHEW programs and employment.

For information, call or write Nancy Low at the above address.

Office Of Human Development

ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD
Switzer Building
Room 1004
Washington, DC 20201
PHONE: 202-245-1591

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The primary function of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (A&TBCB) is to enforce compliance with standards and specifications prescribed by the Governmental Services Administration and other Federal agencies to comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-480); this law requires that buildings and facilities constructed with Federal funds be accessible to handicapped persons. The Board is also charged with: investigating, evaluating and developing alternative approaches to the architectural, transportation and attitudinal barriers confronting handicapped persons; and determining what measures are being taken by Federal, State and local governments and other public or nonprofit agencies to eliminate barriers. In addition, the Board seeks to bring together, coordinate and share information to make all Americans aware of and concerned about barriers and serves as a catalyst to accelerate efforts throughout the nation to remove and prevent barriers. To this end, the Board will cooperate with or assist any individual, organization or agency (public or private).

Information is available in the following areas relative to barriers to handicapped persons: 1) housing, 2) transportation, 3) recreation/physical education (facilities), 4) civil rights/legislation (State and Federal laws concerning barriers), 5) research and 6) possible sources of funds to remove environmental barriers. Information is particularly strong on: Federal legislation concerning attitudinal and environmental barriers; compliance with standards prescribed by this legislation; and technical information and advice on environmental design.

SERVICES: The Board provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 5) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 6) provides films or other audiovisuals, 7) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests and 8) permits on-site use of its holdings, a limited collection of various publications on barrier-free design, environmental barriers and needs of handicapped persons related to the constructed environment. A newsletter is being developed.

Publications available from A&TBCB include: annual reports of the Board to Congress and/or the President; copies of laws relating to the activities of the Board; copies of barrier-free design standards recognized and in use by the Federal Government; publications of other organizations relating to barriers to handicapped persons; and a FUNDING GUIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL BARRIERS. A film, ACCESS AMERICA, which depicts functional, safe and convenient design in a variety of settings--private business, government buildings, historic preservation, education, transportation, amusement and recreation, is also available.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Board. Frequent inquirers include: those persons in any way involved with design and construction of buildings and facilities, or who cause them to be created; handicapped persons; and those who enforce compliance with standards prescribed to make buildings and facilities accessible. Any individual, organization or agency that believes a Federally funded building is not being constructed in compliance with Public Law 90-480 should contact the Board.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board was established by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-112). The Board is a quasi-governmental agency and is composed of the heads of nine coequal Federal agencies: the Departments of Health, Education, and Welfare; Transportation; Housing and Urban Development; Labor; Interior; Defense; General Services Administration; United States Postal Service; and Veterans Administration. The Secretary of HEW serves as chairperson. An executive director supervises four major units: compliance, public information, legal and research/planning. A consumer advisory panel, with the majority of the members handicapped individuals, was appointed to provide guidance, advice and recommendations to the Board.

For information, call or write the Board at the above address.

CLEARINGHOUSE ON THE HANDICAPPED Office for Handicapped Individuals,
Office of Human Development, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
338-D South Portal Building
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201
PHONE: 202-245-1961 (voice on TTY)

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Clearinghouse on the Handicapped acts primarily as a national referral center for questions related to handicapped individuals and serves all persons and organizations seeking information on handicapped individuals. The Clearinghouse also tries to make other information services and organizations better known and more appropriately used by the public, and to foster dialogue and cooperation

among information providers. In addition, the Clearinghouse intends, as time and staff permit, to collect, organize and facilitate exchange of information concerning State level programs and information resources; a first effort was made by compiling a source-book (for staff use only) about State Crippled Children's Programs. The Clearinghouse does not itself store quantities of information and data; instead its staff is working to become knowledgeable about Federal, national level private and unique State and local programs which would be helpful in providing answers to inquiries. Areas in which the Clearinghouse is accumulating and producing its own materials include Federal funding sources, and legislation relevant to handicapped persons.

SERVICES: The Clearinghouse on Handicapped provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers at the national level, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets and fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies and resource lists, 5) sends its own newsletter, PROGRAMS FOR THE HANDICAPPED, 6) makes inquiries of other organizations or information sources on the inquirer's behalf (in exceptional cases) and 7) permits on-site use of its holdings. The Clearinghouse is concentrating on building a referral capacity to national level resources which are available to answer inquirers' questions. To this end, the Clearinghouse directed the collection and production of the information for the directory of which this synopsis is a part. The directory is a major tool for aiding the Clearinghouse staff in making referrals. The newsletter, PROGRAMS FOR THE HANDICAPPED, will be redirected in the future, to provide a forum for communication between the Office for Handicapped Individuals and its many potential constituencies.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Clearinghouse.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Office for Handicapped Individuals (OHI), composed of the Clearinghouse on the Handicapped and the Planning and Coordination Unit, is an advocacy agency for handicapped individuals. As such, OHI aims to insure that the service and information needs of handicapped individuals are more effectively met by the larger agencies and programs of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. OHI is one of several offices under the Assistant Secretary for Human Development which address the special needs of vulnerable populations, such as the aged, rural Americans, youth, veterans and American Indians. OHI, like these other offices, plays an advisory role to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare on the problems of handicapped people and the Department's potential goals toward solving them. OHI's aim is to identify the needs of handicapped people, stimulate coordination of Federal programs directed to these needs and make information available about and for this group of Americans. Prior to passage of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973--which

established the Office for Handicapped Individuals (and the Clearinghouse)--hundreds of Federal programs of potential benefit to handicapped people were already in existence. Valuable services, research, training, and information were supported by these programs, but no single agency was able to accurately and consistently assess the total impact of all Federal activities which were working to help handicapped people. Through the work of OHI, it is hoped that this overall view of programs will eventually be possible. For information, call or write the Clearinghouse at the above address.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES OFFICE Office of Human Development,
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Room 3070 Switzer Bldg.
Washington, DC 20201
PHONE: 202-245-0249/0020

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Developmental disabilities, defined as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, dyslexia and mental retardation. The handicap must originate before age 18, be expected to continue indefinitely, and constitute a substantial handicap.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Developmental Disabilities Office (DDO) was reorganized under the Office of Human Development according to the Developmentally Disabled Assistance and Bill of Rights (Public Law 94-103) which became law in 1975. DDO is responsible for administering the provisions of this Act which make available a range of strategies to meet the problems of developmentally disabled persons in terms of strengthening services and safeguarding individual rights. These strategies include the authorization of appropriations for: 1) formula grants to States for planning and administering programs for developmentally disabled persons, delivery of services and construction of facilities, 2) special project grants to: improve the quality of services to developmentally disabled persons; demonstrate programs and services; provide technical assistance and training of specialized personnel; coordinate community resources; eliminate attitudinal and environmental services; and gather and disseminate information and 3) grants to university affiliated facilities to assist them in meeting the costs of operating demonstration facilities for the provision of services for persons with developmental disabilities and for interdisciplinary training of specialized personnel. In addition, the Act provides for a mechanism to establish and protect the rights of persons with developmental disabilities and to assure that they obtain quality services needed for maximum development physically, psychologically and socially.

SERVICES: DDO provides the following information services to professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) makes inquiries of other organizations on the inquirer's behalf and 4) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

User Eligibility: Professionals, mainly State and local government officials and representatives from university affiliated facilities are the primary audience. Lay persons are referred elsewhere.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: In addition to other programs, the Developmentally Disabled Assistance Act also provided for establishment of a National Advisory Council on Services and Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled. The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare on regulations and to study and evaluate the effectiveness of programs provided under the Act to help persons with developmental disabilities. The Council has 25 members, nine representing Federal agencies, 16 from the field, including State and local governments, institutions of higher education and organizations representing consumers of services and at least five must be developmentally disabled or the parents or guardians or disabled persons.

For information, contact the Information Officer, Tom Brubeck, at the above address.

NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE ON AGING Administration on Aging,
Office of Human Development, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
330 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201
PHONE: 202-245-0350

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general, but only of the elderly.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The goal of the National Clearinghouse on Aging (NCA) is to: 1) collect, analyze and disseminate information about elderly persons and their needs, 2) provide information to agencies and organizations concerning programs for aging persons, 3) encourage the establishment of State and area information and referral services to meet the needs of the elderly population and 4) stimulate other agencies to prepare and disseminate information on the field.

The Clearinghouse focuses on a broad range of information about the problems and circumstances of the aging and aged population in this society and their impact on the social system. Specific areas of interest include: 1) training of personnel dealing with elderly persons, 2) employment of personnel dealing with elderly individuals, 3) housing, 4) transportation, 5) health, 6) community services, 7) income maintenance/ security, 8) recreation/physical education, 9) activities of daily living, 10) civil rights/legislation, 11) religion and 12) research. All these areas are covered only insofar as they relate to the elderly.

SERVICES: NCA provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and 5) permits on-site use of the Clearinghouse's holdings.

Age: The content of the information specifically pertains to elderly persons, 60 years or older.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Clearinghouse. Special target groups are government (Federal, State and local) agencies and their personnel.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: A separate national clearinghouse on aging within the Administration on Aging (AoA) was mandated by the 1973 amendments to the Older Americans Act of 1965; in fiscal year 1974, the National Clearinghouse on Aging was created. The Clearinghouse is composed of three major units. The Data Analysis and Dissemination Division is charged with the analysis of statistical data for professional use and prepares reports and booklets for related audiences. The staff also provides technical assistance to AoA, related State and Federal agencies and others.

OFFICE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT Office of Human Development,
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
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HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Office of Child Development (OCD) serves as a focal point of coordination for Federal programs for children and their families and acts as an advocate for children by bringing their needs to the attention of government and the public. OCD: 1) operates Project Head Start (which includes Head Start Services to Handicapped Children) and such experimental programs as the Child Family Resource Program (which makes family-oriented services available for children from the prenatal period through age eight), the Developmental Continuity Project (which encourages greater continuity of child development and educational services for Head Start children making the transition from home to preschool to school) and the Child Development Association Program (designed to train, assess and credential child care staff in Head Start and day care centers), 2) administers a child welfare research and demonstration grants program and 3) develops guidelines for quality day care. The Children's Bureau within OCD administers the recently established National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect; provides a wide range of technical assistance services to children and families through a National Center for Child Advocacy; and informs the public through a Division of Public Education.

Project Head Start is the primary program within OCD serving handicapped children; it has generated information in the following areas relative to handicapped children: 1) education, including formal education of handicapped children (preschool) and education of personnel working with them, 2) diagnostic evaluation, 3) recreation/physical education and 4) activities of daily living. Other programs within OCD also have information on day care services for handicapped children, care of the handicapped child at home, the civil rights of handicapped children and legislation pertaining to them.

SERVICES: OCD (primarily Project Head Start) provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers requesting information pertaining to handicapped children: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers (local Head Start Programs), 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) sends previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts, 5) provides films or other audiovisuals and 6) sends the HEAD START NEWSLETTER on request.

Some Publications of Project Head Start include: 1) HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN HEAD START PROGRAMS, 2) PROCEEDINGS OF NATIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP ON HEAD START SERVICES TO HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, 3) RESPONDING TO INDIVIDUAL NEEDS IN HEAD START: A HEAD START SERIES ON NEEDS ASSESSMENT. PART I: WORKING WITH THE INDIVIDUAL CHILD and 4) CHILD DEVELOPMENT DAY CARE HANDBOOKS: No. 8: SERVING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. A special publication, TOOL KIT 76, is a catalog of materials, methods and media for Head Start teachers of handicapped children. Developed by OCD, this KIT provides information about the availability of specialized teaching materials prepared by collaborative projects sponsored by OCD and the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped, U.S. Office of Education. Other OCD publications include: A HANDICAPPED CHILD IN YOUR HOME; and THE MENTALLY RETARDED CHILD AT HOME: A MANUAL FOR PARENTS. The Children's Bureau publishes CHILDREN TODAY, a journal for professionals working with children. A publications catalog is available on request.

Age: Project Head Start focuses on children of preschool age. OCD concerns itself with children from conception through early adolescence (0-18 years) with emphasis on children three to five years of age.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information. Frequent inquirers include professional teachers and teachers in Head Start programs.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge. Single copies of publications are supplied by OCD free; multiple copies may be obtained at cost from the Superintendent of Documents.

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON MENTAL RETARDATION Office of Human Development,
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
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HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Mental retardation.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The President's Committee on Mental Retardation (PCMR) was established to: 1) advise the President on what is being done for retarded people, 2) recommend Federal action where needed, 3) promote coordination and cooperation among public and private agencies,

4) stimulate individual and group action and 5) promote public understanding of mentally retarded people and their problems. Its goals include: reducing the occurrence of disability from mental retardation; promoting humane services that will enable retarded persons to achieve their potential in the most normal, unrestrictive setting possible; and helping retarded persons achieve the rights of full citizenship and public acceptance.

SERVICES: The primary information service of PCMR is distribution of its publications.

A PUBLICATIONS LIST is available on request.

PCMR also provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. Lay inquiries are generally responded to with brochures; referrals are made to Closer Look, the National Association for Retarded Citizens or State or local government programs.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from PCMR.

Fees: All information, including some publications, is provided free of charge. There is a fee for PCMR publications distributed by the Government Printing Office.

Notes: The President's Committee on Mental Retardation was established by Executive Order 11280 on May 11, 1966 and is continued by Executive Order 11776 of March 28, 1974.

For information, write the Director of Communication at the above address.

REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION Office of Human Development,
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Room 4324 Switzer Building
Washington, DC 20201
PHONE: 202-245-0322

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: All handicapping conditions; with the passage of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the severely handicapped have become a primary concern.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) implements the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. RSA is part of the State-Federal vocational rehabilitation program created in 1920 by the Industrial Rehabilitation Act. The basic purpose of the program is to help disabled persons become employed. Services are provided through State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies funded through a formula grant on a four-to-one Federal-State matching ratio. State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies operate according to a plan filed with RSA which follows requirements specified by law.

Eligibility for services is determined by the State agency. Additional grant-in-aid programs make possible rehabilitation services, training of personnel, construction of rehabilitation facilities and basic and applied research into new concepts of rehabilitation.

General information about specific programs is provided to agencies, professional groups and others interested in Research and Development grant applications, counselor training and other RSA programs. Information requests from potential clients are referred to the State agency in the geographic area where the clients reside.

Information is provided about vocational rehabilitation and training and other employment considerations such as rights, hiring regulations and special needs of the handicapped employee; also on rehabilitation (health), psycho-social services and rehabilitation legislation. In the areas of activities of daily living and equipment/ special devices/aids, RSA most frequently refers an inquirer to State or RSA supported private agencies where reports of pertinent research and development studies are available; direct services in these areas are provided by the State vocational rehabilitation agencies. These agencies make decisions on how and to whom they will provide services and provide an inquirer with pertinent information on eligibility requirements, application procedures, etc. Most of the information available from RSA is program information that would normally be sought by a professional person or an agency. Client information (i.e. counseling, individual written plan and other services) is available through the States.

SERVICES: For the lay and professional inquirer, RSA provides the following information services: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets and 4) sends the RSA magazine, AMERICAN REHABILITATION, on request. Professional inquirers are provided with previously prepared bibliographies, indexes or abstracts and films and other audiovisuals. Lay persons are referred to direct service providers when necessary.

Information on the research, demonstration and training programs supported by RSA (and previously by the Social and Rehabilitation Service (SRS)) is provided through the RSA Research Information System (formerly the SRS Research Information System).

Information is available in the form of abstracts and final reports (both printed copy and microfiche) which are deposited in all State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies, the Regional Rehabilitation Research Institutes and the Research Utilization Laboratories. Final reports are also available from the National Technical Information Service (for a fee). Access to the information is provided by contacting any of the depositories by mail, telephone or in person or by writing to the Regional DHEW Offices or to the Research and Demonstration Office of the Rehabilitation Services Administration in DHEW which will refer to the States in most cases. The file is queried by going to the two volume index (available from the Government Printing Office) which lists all studies under each (up to four) major descriptor. To find listed terms one can check the Thesaurus or use the index directly which refers to authorized terms.

For information on this System, contact George Engstrom (RSA Support Services, Rm. 3431 Switzer Bldg., 202-245-0594).

User Eligibility: Anyone may seek information through RSA; however, the information needs of handicapped individuals or the general public are best served by inquiring directly to State agencies. RSA's information is primarily about research and development projects and is of most use to professionals, researchers and trainers in college and university settings.

Fees: There is a charge for the RSA magazine; most other information is available free of charge.

Notes: In February 1975, RSA was moved from the Social and Rehabilitation Services Administration (SRS) to become part of the Office of Human Development, DHEW. Many of the current services and programs of the Rehabilitation Services Administration were mandated by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-112, 93rd Congress, H.R. 8070, Sept. 26, 1973). For the purposes of this Act, "handicapped individual" is defined as follows: "any individual who, a) has a physical or mental disability which for such individual constitutes or results in a substantial handicap to employment and b) can reasonably be expected to benefit in terms of employability from vocational rehabilitation services provided pursuant to Titles I and III of this Act."

RSA has recently conducted two studies of primary information value: 1) A "Sheltered Workshop Study" was conducted on the effectiveness of sheltered workshops. The purpose was to determine whether workshops are playing an effective role in the rehabilitation, training and placement of severely handicapped persons, and what changes are needed to provide more job opportunities for severely disabled persons. 2) A "Comprehensive Needs Study" was conducted to determine the service needs of severely disabled persons. It explores ways to help handicapped persons for whom vocational rehabilitation is not deemed feasible to live independently and to function normally within their families and communities. Copies of the reports of both studies are available to anyone for a fee from the Government Printing Office or from the National Technical Information Service. RSA sponsors 19 Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (R & T) throughout the country. These centers are coordinated through the Special Centers Office of RSA (Joseph Fenton, Program Manager, Rm. 3212 Switzer Bldg., 202-245-0270) and are housed within university environments. Their mission is: 1) to undertake research for the production of new knowledge which will improve rehabilitation methodology and service delivery systems, alleviate or stabilize handicapping conditions and promote maximum social and economic independence and 2) to institute related teaching and training programs to disseminate and promote the immediate utilization of research findings. Each center has a general purpose or mission; 12 are oriented to medical rehabilitation (including spinal cord injury), three to vocational rehabilitation, three to mental retardation and one to deafness (Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults). Since these centers are regional in nature, information about them or their research can best be obtained by contacting Mr. Fenton; the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, however, has a separate listing in this directory.

Public inquiries are generally directed to the RSA Commissioner's office and a clerk refers them to the appropriate program unit for response. Requests for information on research, grants and training activities should be addressed to Dr. James Garrett. Requests concerning reports of articles published in AMERICAN REHABILITATION should be referred to the Information Office. RSA does not have a public inquiries unit as such.

PUBLIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION Inquiries Branch,
Office of Human Development
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
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Washington, D.C. 20201
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HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Inquiries Branch handles Congressional, public, and other governmental inquiries concerning administrative, regulatory and policy making responsibilities of the social services and child welfare provisions of Titles XX and IV-B of the Social Security Act, also known as "Special Revenue Sharing." The Public Services Administration was formerly a component of the Social and Rehabilitation Service (SRS). See Notes. Under Title XX, State social services programs are shaped by the needs and decisions of individual States, rather than Federal requirements. The Federal role under Title XX is to monitor programs and provide leadership in the planning, development, management, and coordination of social services programs. Representative types of services provided includes day care, homemaker, information and referral, foster care, health and mental health, family planning, transportation, legal, housing, adoption, and services to the aged. Title XX programs are financed under a special revenue sharing formula employing a 75/25 percent Federal/State match.

SERVICES: Under present reorganization planning the Inquiries Branch of the Public Services Administration, now reassigned to the Office of Human Development, will provide the following supportive services: 1) answering inquiries by telephone or letter, 2) referring inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers (frequently State or local agencies administering programs), 3) making inquiries of other organizations on inquirer's behalf, and 4) sending brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

User Eligibility: While the branch is designed to respond to inquiries from Congress; lay and professional inquiries are also accepted. Many inquirers are referred to State or local service agencies for direct assistance. Inquirers should request initial information on specific programs from local resources.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: In a recent major reorganization in DHEW all social services programs formerly in the Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) in the Department have been moved to the Office of Human Development. The branch, formerly designated the Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) Congressional Inquiries Branch, previously provided inquiries support for three SRS units: Public Service Administration, Assistance Payments Administration, and the Medical Services Administration. Under the reorganization plan all SRS responsibilities are being reassigned with SRS disbanded. The Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program and the related Office of Child Support is reassigned to the Social Security Administration placing all cash assistance payments programs under the Social Security Administration. A new unit, known as the Health Care Financing Administration reporting directly to the Secretary, will be responsible for oversight and policy direction of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Student assistance programs, formerly administered by SRS, are now assigned to the newly developed Bureau of Student Financial Assistance in the Office of the Commissioner of Education in the DHEW Office of Education.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

6401 Security Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21235
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HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Social Security Administration (SSA) administers a national program of contributory social insurance which pays benefits when earnings stop or are reduced because a worker retires, dies or becomes disabled. This program includes: 1) retirement, survivors and disability insurance that provides monthly checks for individuals and their families as partial replacement of earnings lost through retirement, disability or death and 2) hospital and medical insurance, MEDICARE, which helps most people 65 or over and people disabled before 65, under certain conditions, and provides basic protection against the costs of hospital care, physician's services and certain other health and medical services. The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program provides monthly payments to needy aged, blind and disabled persons. The SSI program is noncontributory and is financed entirely out of the general Federal revenues.

SSA also collects a substantial volume of economic, demographic and other data relative to its program mission and makes recommendations oriented to the problems of poverty, security and health care for aged, blind and disabled persons.

SERVICES: SSA guides and directs all aspects of the cash benefit program operations through a nationwide network of ten regional offices, six program service centers and over 1,300 local offices throughout the nation. SSA programs are administered through a network of district

offices, branch offices and teleservice centers which serve the public and may be located by consulting the telephone directory under United States Government, Social Security Administration. These installations have responsibility for informing people of the purposes and provisions of programs administered by SSA, and their rights and responsibilities under these programs; assisting with claims development and adjudication; assisting beneficiaries in claiming reimbursement for medical expenses; conducting the development of cases which involve people's earnings records, coverage and fraud-related questions; making referral for rehabilitation service; providing an information and referral service; and assisting claimants in filing appeals on SSA determinations.

The Social Security Administration provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter and 2) refers inquirers to other information centers or direct service providers. Speakers are also available to talk to various groups. Local Teleservice Centers provide information and many other services to the public by telephone. Each center has also set up a reference guide to local agencies which provide services or give specific information in many areas, including handicapping conditions. A variety of informational materials explaining the Social Security program are available primarily through local offices. Many pamphlets concern benefits payable to persons with various disabilities, including multiple sclerosis, arthritis, blindness, mental retardation, and permanent end-stage renal disease (Medicare coverage of kidney dialysis and kidney transplant services), among others. Basic data on employment and earnings, beneficiaries, and benefit payments, utilization of health services and other items of program interest are published regularly in the SOCIAL SECURITY BULLETIN, its ANNUAL STATISTICAL SUPPLEMENT, and in special releases and reports which appear periodically on selected topics of interest to the general public.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information. Benefits are not automatic; individuals must apply and meet certain qualifications.

Fees: Information is provided free of charge.

Notes: Information and assistance can be obtained by contacting a local Social Security office. Most publications are available locally and speakers can be arranged for locally.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Elderly and Handicapped Policy
451 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20410
PHONE: 202-755-6032

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general. For the purposes of this program, an elderly person is defined as one who is age 62 or over; a handicapped person is one whose impairment, A) is expected to be of continued and indefinite duration; B) substantially impedes the person's ability to live independently; and C) is such that the person's ability to live independently could improve by more suitable housing. A developmentally disabled person is also considered handicapped for this program.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Elderly and Handicapped Policy Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is responsible for administering a number of mandated Federal programs concerned with housing of elderly and handicapped individuals. These include: 1) various sections of the Housing Act of 1959 which provide for the provision of insured loans and low mortgage insurance premiums to nonprofit and profit-motivated groups and public agencies sponsoring the construction or rehabilitation of specially designed rental housing for elderly or handicapped persons, 2) sections of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 which make construction loans available to nonprofit and corporate sponsors of housing specially designed for handicapped persons participating in the Housing Assistance Payments Program for Lower-Income Families, 3) the section of the Housing Assistance Payments for Lower-Income Families offering a vehicle for assisting handicapped persons who cannot afford adequate housing on the open market: projects may be financed by Federal Housing Authority insured loans or other acceptable methods of payment with assistance being provided under this program on behalf of lower-income persons and families through assistance payment contracts with housing owners, 4) Community Development Block Grants authorizing money for community development activities which include plans for handicapped individuals and 5) research into housing handicapped persons.

SERVICES: HUD provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. Reports of research projects conducted in mandated areas are available on request.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: For information, call or write Helen Holt at the above address.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240
PHONE: 202-343-6843

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The National Park Service is responsible for administering the nation's national park system. This system includes parks and natural historical, recreational and cultural lands and facilities. The Service has information on camping and recreational facilities accessible to handicapped individuals.

SERVICES: The primary information service of the Park Service is its distribution of various brochures, pamphlets, fact sheets, maps, etc. concerning the national parks. Its publication, THE NATIONAL PARK GUIDE FOR THE HANDICAPPED, describes the accessibility of various national parks and special services available for handicapped individuals. The Park Service also answers lay and professional inquiries by phone or letter.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Park Service. Persons from the general public make inquiries most frequently.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The National Park Service was established by an act of Congress on August 25, 1916 in the Department of the Interior. For information, call or write the Service at the above address or contact a local Park Service Office.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20205
PHONE: 202-523-9496

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Employment Standards Administration (ESA) administers and directs programs dealing with minimum wage and overtime standards (including special minimum wages for handicapped workers); equal pay; age discrimination in employment; promotion of women's welfare; standards to improve employment conditions other than safety, nondiscrimination and affirmative action in government contracts and in Federally assisted construction (including affirmative action regulations for handicapped workers); and workers' compensation programs for Federal and certain private employers and employees.

Various offices and divisions within ESA are responsible for programs affecting handicapped individuals or employers of handicapped individuals. The Wage and Hour Division authorizes subminimum wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act where necessary, and for the shortest period necessary, to prevent the curtailment of opportunities for employment for handicapped individuals who would not be able to command the minimum wage. The Division of Special Minimum Wages within the Wage and Hour Division is responsible for administering the regulations governing the employment of handicapped clients in sheltered workshops and the employment of patient workers in hospitals and institutions; it is also responsible for certifying sheltered workshops. The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is responsible for the administration of three basic Federal workers' compensation laws: 1) the Federal Employees' Compensation Act and related laws (the War Hazards Compensation Act and the War Claims Act), which provide workers' compensation for Federal employees and others and vocational rehabilitation services to injured covered Federal workers, 2) the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and its various extensions (the Defense Base Act, Outer Continental Shelf Land Act, Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities Act and the District of Columbia Compensation Act) which provide compensation for disability or death resulting from injury, including occupational disease, to employees engaged in private maritime employment in the U.S. or in private employment in the District of Columbia and 3) the "Black Lung" benefit payment provisions of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, as amended by the Black Lung Benefits Act of 1972 which extends benefits to coal miners and their survivors who sustain injury due to pneumoconiosis (black lung).

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance establishes policies and goals for achieving nondiscrimination in employment by government contractors and subcontractors and in Federally assisted construction programs. Policies cover affirmative action for handicapped workers.

SERVICES: The ESA administers its various programs through ten regional offices; information and services are generally available locally rather than through the national office. Generally, the ESA Office of Information and the Office of Workmen's Compensation programs will answer inquiries, make referrals to other sources of information and provide advisory services to employers, wage earners and the public.

Various offices and divisions issue publications of interest to handicapped employees and their employers. A reprint from the FEDERAL REGISTER entitled AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS FOR HANDICAPPED WORKERS is issued by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance. These regulations are imposed to comply with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-112, Section 503) which requires any employer with a Federal Government contract or subcontract of more than \$2,500 to take affirmative action to hire and advance handicapped persons.

The Division of Special Minimum Wages makes application forms available (through the national office) to sheltered workshops and hospitals or institutions wanting to obtain permission to hire handicapped persons at subminimum wages. It also certifies sheltered workshops and distributes A GUIDE TO SHELTERED WORKSHOP CERTIFICATION on request. Reprints from the FEDERAL REGISTER, EMPLOYMENT OF HANDICAPPED CLIENTS IN SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, EMPLOYMENT OF PATIENT WORKERS IN HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS AT SUBMINIMUM WAGES and SPECIAL MINIMUM WAGES FOR HANDICAPPED WORKERS IN COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT, are available on request.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information.

Eligibility for individual programs varies. Application for most programs (except special minimum wages) is generally made locally.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: Information on the programs of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Federal Contract Compliance and the Wage and Hour Division is best obtained by contacting local or regional offices. For information on special minimum wages, contact the Division of Special Minimum Wages at the above address, phone 202-382-1418.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210
PHONE: 202-376-6910

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) encompasses a group of offices and services which have been established to implement the responsibilities assigned to the Department of Labor to conduct certain work-experience and employment and training programs; fund and oversee programs conducted under the provisions of the Compre-

hensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 by States and other authorized operators; administer the Federal-State Employment Security System; and conduct a continuing program of research, development and evaluation.

A program of interest to handicapped individuals or their employers is operated by the United States Employment Service (USES) within ETA. The purpose of this program is to place persons in employment by providing services to individuals in need of preparation and placement and to employers seeking qualified individuals to fill job openings.

Handicapped individuals are provided with counseling, placement and other services as are necessary to promote equal opportunity for employment at equal wages in competition with other workers, emphasizing preferential treatment for disabled veterans. The desired outcome of the program is that handicapped persons are assured of: 1) equal opportunity for employment and equal pay in competition with other applicants, 2) employment at the highest skill suitable to their physical disabilities and other occupational qualifications, 3) satisfactory adjustment to their chosen occupations and work situations and 4) employment which will not endanger others or aggravate their own disabilities.

SERVICES: Inquiries from handicapped workers or their employers are answered by the Applicant Services Division in ETA. The Administration also makes a series of INTERVIEWING GUIDES FOR SPECIFIC DISABILITIES available to job counselors and employers on request. Each guide, prepared by the Employment Service, contains a description of the disability addressed, instructions on how to evaluate an individual's work capacity, definitions relative to the disability, lists of cooperating agencies in that disability area and other relevant information.

Employment services are provided locally through the USES and affiliated State agencies which operate over 2,400 local offices to serve those seeking or needing employment, and those providing employment. Services include special employment counseling and placement assistance to physically and mentally handicapped persons seeking work. Counselors use special placement techniques to help match the physical demands of a job to the capabilities of a worker. Each local employment service office also has a designated person responsible for insuring that services are provided to handicapped applicants. Information, promotional and educational activities are directed toward employers and labor organizations to improve employment opportunities for handicapped persons.

Age: Information and services are available to individuals of working age.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the Applicant Services Division, USES, in Washington, D.C.

Services are provided locally based on eligibility. By law and regulation, State employment service local offices provide priority in counseling and placement services to veterans seeking employment assistance, with preferential treatment of disabled veterans.

Fees: All information and assistance is provided free of charge.

Notes: The United States Employment Service operates under the provisions of the Wagner-Peyser Act.

Information on employment services is best provided through local offices and affiliated State agencies. For other information on programs within the Employment and Training Administration, contact the ETA Information Office at the above address.

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED Department of Labor
1111 20th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210
PHONE: 202-653-5044

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped provides a continuing public education and information program in cooperation with public and private groups to create attitudes favorable to employment of handicapped individuals. To this end, the Committee seeks to: eliminate physical and psychological barriers; further educational training, rehabilitation and employment opportunities; and create community acceptance of disabled persons. The Committee also prepares and delivers programs, plans and information to State and local committees including start-up plans for local employment programs, publicity and advertising packages, guidelines and other materials which provide assistance.

SERVICES: The Committee provides the following information services to professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to other information centers, 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets, 4) lends films or other audiovisuals, 5) makes inquiries of organizations on the inquirer's behalf, 6) prepares bibliographies, indexes or abstracts in response to certain individual requests and 7) permits on-site use of its holdings. The lay inquirer is generally referred to other information centers.

User Eligibility: The President's Committee is specifically set up to serve State and local groups and professionals. It does not serve the individual; lay inquirers would generally be referred to the State Governor's Committees which can answer inquiries, provide brochures and refer individuals to other information sources or to State Job Service or Vocational Rehabilitation agencies. Information services of the Governor's Committees vary by State.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped was established by the President of the United States in 1947. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons are appointed by the President and serve without compensation.

The Executive Secretary and the staff are attached to the Office of the Secretary of the United States Department of Labor. The Committee is composed of more than 600 volunteer organizations and individuals representing business, handicapped persons, industry, labor, media, medical, professional, rehabilitation, religious, veterans, youth and other concerned groups.

The Committee advises and provides technical support to the volunteer Governor's Committees on Employment of the Handicapped in all States, and to numerous local communities across the nation; most of the President's Committee information is available through the State Governor's Committees.

Annually, during the first full week of October, the Committee sponsors a National Employ the Handicapped Week. The annual meeting is held each spring in Washington, DC, and is attended by professionals and volunteers interested in the progress of disabled persons. For information, contact the Committee at the above address.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Washington, D.C. 20590
PHONE: 202-426-4043

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapped and elderly persons, defined as "those individuals who, by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, including those who are nonambulatory wheelchair-bound and those with semiambulatory capabilities, are unable without special facilities or special planning or design to utilize mass transportation facilities and services as effectively as persons who are not so affected."

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) was established to: 1) help evaluate urban transportation alternatives, 2) promote more effective coordination of different modes of transportation, 3) study the impact of transportation on city growth and structure and 4) preserve urban values. To this end, UMTA assists and promotes urban transportation systems through programs of financial aid to local public bodies and through directed research, development and demonstration projects.

In areas of concern to elderly and handicapped individuals, UMTA administers Federal Government regulations on transportation for elderly and handicapped persons, which became effective May 31, 1976. These are applicable to all planning, capital and operating assistance transportation projects receiving Federal financial assistance under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended. These UMTA regulations include fixed transportation facilities (i.e. terminals) in the area of accessibility, buses, light rail and rapid rail vehicles, and reduced fares for elderly and handicapped persons on public transportation receiving Federal financial assistance.

UMTA is currently supporting research to determine the travel requirements of various classifications of handicapped people and to develop viable transportation service alternatives utilizing all modes which can satisfy such requirements cost effectively.

SERVICES: Information provided by UMTA is generally of use only to professionals dealing with transportation systems. For these inquirers UMTA: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers them to other information centers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets. Lay inquirers interested in UMTA are only provided with brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

A bibliography, TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED: SELECTED REFERENCES (April 1975, Bibliographic list no. 8) is generally available from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Administrative Operations, Library Services Division, Washington, D.C. 20590.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from UMTA; the most frequent inquirers are professionals interested in urban mass transit, such as city planners, transit officials, Congress and researchers.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Urban Mass Transportation Administration was established on July 1, 1968, when the Federal responsibility in urban mass transportation was transferred to the Department of Transportation (DOT) from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. UMTA is one of seven operating administrations of DOT; others are: Federal Highway, Federal Railroad, Federal Aviation and National Highway Traffic Safety Administrations, the U.S. Coast Guard and the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

UMTA supports the Transportation Research Board (TRB), a branch of the National Academy of Sciences. TRB sponsors conferences with workshops about handicapped persons' travel problems and better vehicle and systems designs to help them. UMTA jointly sponsors workshops with the U.S. Rehabilitation Services Administration and the U.S. Administration on Aging to help plan transport systems for handicapped travelers.

For information, contact the UMTA Public Affairs Office at the above address.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES

COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE BLIND AND OTHER SEVERELY HANDICAPPED
2009 14th Street, North
Suite 610
Arlington, VA 22201
PHONE: 703-557-1145

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Blindness and other severe handicaps.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The purpose of the Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped is to increase the employment opportunities for blind and other severely handicapped individuals, and whenever possible, to prepare them to engage in normal competitive employment. The Committee's primary means for achieving its objective is to direct the Federal Government's procurement of selected commodities and services to qualified workshops for blind and other severely handicapped persons. Major functions and responsibilities include: 1) determining commodities and services which are suitable for the workshops to supply to the Federal Government and publishing the list of such commodities and services in a PROCUREMENT LIST, 2) determining the fair market price of these commodities and services, 3) designating one or more central 200 nonprofit agencies to facilitate the distribution of Government orders among the various workshops, 4) establishing rules and regulations and continually reviewing its activities to insure the effective implementation of Public Law 92-28 and 5) assuring that the workshops for the blind will have preference over workshops for other severely handicapped in the production of commodities.

SERVICES: The Committee provides the following information services to professional inquirers: 1) answers inquiries by phone or letter and 2) refers inquirers to other information centers.

The PROCUREMENT LIST is published annually by the Committee primarily for use of Federal Government procuring activities in obtaining products and services provided by workshops for the blind and other handicapped persons under Public Law 92-28.

User Eligibility: The Committee has designated the National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and the National Industries for the Severely Handicapped (NISH) (see separate listings) to work with administrators of workshops for blind and other severely handicapped persons. Professional requests for information are answered by the Committee.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped was established by Public Law 92-28 on June 23, 1971. It is the successor to the Committee on Purchases of Blind-Made Products, which was created by the Wagner-O'Day Act of 1938. The 15

members on the Committee are appointed by the President; 11 of these members represent various Federal Government agencies and four members are private citizens who are knowledgeable of the problems in employing blind and other severely handicapped persons.

Two central nonprofit agencies facilitate the distribution of Federal Government orders to qualified workshops. These are the National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and the National Industries for the Severely Handicapped (NISH), both listed separately in this directory.

For information, call or write the Committee at the above address.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
Technology Utilization Program
600 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20546
PHONE: 202-755-3140

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Technology Utilization (TU) Program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) offers a variety of services to facilitate the transfer of aerospace technology to nonaerospace applications. To assist engineers, industrial researchers, business executives, city officials and other potential users in applying space technology to their problems, NASA sponsors six Industrial Applications Centers. An extensive library of computer programs is also available through COSMIC, the TU Program's outlet for NASA-developed software.

NASA TU Applications Teams, staffed by professionals from a variety of disciplines, work with Federal agencies, local governments and health organizations to identify critical public sector problems in areas such as safety, health, transportation and environmental protection, which are amenable to technical solutions. Various innovations in medical technology and aids for handicapped persons are an outcome of the TU Program.

SERVICES: NASA is able to respond to specific technical inquiries pertaining to their technology from professionals by letter or phone. The Technology Utilization Office has also developed a number of publications of information value. SPINOFF 1976: A BICENTENIAL REPORT discusses some of the technical developments resulting from the space program. SPACE BENEFITS: THE SECONDARY APPLICATION OF AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY IN OTHER SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY provides integrated resource information on the transfer of aerospace technology to other sectors of the U.S. economy. NASA TECH BRIEFS, published quarterly, is a current awareness and problem-solving tool with reviews of new developments in various areas of interest and highlights of a few of the potential new products.

User Eligibility: NASA is equipped to respond to requests for information from professionals with specific technical inquiries.

Fees: All information, including publications, is provided free of charge.

Notes: The National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 requires that the Administration provide for the widest practicable and appropriate dissemination of information concerning its activities and their results. To help carry out this objective the NASA Technology Utilization Program was established in 1962. For information, contact Donald J. Vargo, Manager, Rehabilitation Programs, Biomedical Applications Division, Technology Utilization Office, Code KT, at address above.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Special Projects Division,
Office of Financing
1441 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20416
PHONE: 202-653-6570

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Small Business Administration (SBA) was established to encourage, assist and protect the interests of small businesses. Its purposes are to: 1) identify and analyze small business problems, 2) be the voice and advocate of small businesses, 3) foster and coordinate research and organization of significant data and 4) initiate ideas and innovations that will widen opportunities for small businesses to get started and compete on an equitable basis. The Administration insures that small business concerns receive a fair proportion of Government purchases, contracts and subcontracts and the sales of Government property; makes loans to small business concerns, State and local development companies and victims of floods or other catastrophies; licenses, regulates and lends to small business investment companies; strives to improve the management skills of small business owners, potential owners and managers; and conducts studies of economic environment.

SBA provides Handicapped Assistance Loans to handicapped individuals in small businesses and to nonprofit organizations established to employ handicapped persons.

SERVICES: Under the Handicapped Assistance Loans (HAL) program, SBA is authorized to make loans in two categories: 1) Handicapped Assistance Loans to nonprofit organizations (HAL-1) and 2) Handicapped Assistance Loans to small business concerns owned or to be owned by handicapped individuals.

The maximum amount of a loan is \$350,000 for up to 15 years. SBA may guarantee up to 90 percent, not to exceed \$350,000, of a loan made by a private lending institution. Direct loans are limited to \$100,000, except in unusual circumstances. Interest rates on loans are 3 percent/year. Interest rates on guaranteed loans are set by the participating lending institution and must be legal and reasonable and within a maximum allowable amount which is set periodically by SBA. No direct loan can be approved if a guaranteed loan is available.

SBA provides information about the HAL program to any interested inquirer.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information.

HAL-1, nonprofit organization loans, are available to public or private nonprofit sheltered workshops, or any similar organization which employs handicapped individuals for not less than 75 percent of the manhours required, to enable them to produce and provide marketable goods and services.

HAL-2, small business concern loans, are available for the establishment, acquisition or operation of a small business concern 100 percent owned by handicapped persons.

No financial assistance is provided if funds are otherwise available from the applicant's own resources, from a private lending institution or from other Federal, State or local programs.

For additional eligibility requirements, contact SBA.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: The SBA was created by Congress in 1953 as a permanent, independent Government agency. For information, call or write SBA at the above address.

SMITHSONIAN SCIENCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE, INC.

SMITHSONIAN SCIENCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE, INC.

Room 300

1730 M Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20036

PHONE: 202-381-4211

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Smithsonian Science Information Exchange (SSIE), a nonprofit corporation of the Smithsonian Institution, has as its function the collection, storage and dissemination of prepublication information about research in progress in all fields of science, including those fields which pertain to handicapped individuals and handicapping conditions. SSIE collects single-page Notices of Research Projects (NRP's) from organizations that sponsor research, including Federal, State and local government agencies; nonprofit associations and foundations; colleges and universities; and, to a limited extent, private industry and foreign research organizations. Project descriptions are collected when work is begun and are usually available for retrieval well before progress and final reports appear in published literature. The active search file covers the two most recent Federal Government fiscal years' information and contains over 200,000 descriptions of projects in the life and physical sciences (agricultural sciences, behavioral sciences, biological sciences, chemistry and chemical engineering, earth sciences, electronics and electrical engineering, engineering sciences, materials, mathematics, medical sciences, physics and social sciences and economics). At present there are approximately 8,000-12,000 projects registered in research fields pertaining to handicapped individuals, such as hospital and medical facilities, nursing, prostheses and artificial organs, rehabilitation, surgery, therapy, counseling, education and developmental psychology.

SERVICES: The primary information function of SSIE is to provide the single-page Notice of Research Project (NRP) to professionals, though interested laypersons may also request searches of the data base. The NRP contains essential information about each project supplied by the organization funding the work. It includes the name of the supporting organization and project number, project title, performing organization name and address, name(s) of the investigator(s), period of performance covered by the description, level of funding and a 200-word technical summary of work to be performed.

The Exchange employs a staff of scientists with graduate training and research experience in fields which collectively represent all major disciplines covered by the data base. The same scientists index project descriptions for retrieval and search the data base in response to user requests in their field. Because a scientist acts as an intermediary between the data base and the user, requestors may formulate search requests in their own terminology, without reference to thesauri or lists of keywords.

SSIE offers a number of search services. Custom Searches are performed on-line in response to individual requests on specific subjects. Searches for NRP's from particular performing organizations or departments, specific geographic areas or for any combination of similar requirements can also be made. The scientist who conducts the subject search reviews the results to assure relevancy.

Research Information Packages are the result of regular searches of the active file for NRP's on subjects of high current interest. These packages are announced in each issue of the SSIE SCIENCE NEWSLETTER, and package contents are updated every 90 days.

The Exchange offers two Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) Services for users who wish to receive regular updates of Custom Searches or Research Information Packages. SSIE scientists establish user profiles for each subscriber and perform periodic on-line searches of the active file according to profile requirements to identify all new or newly updated project notices added to the data base since the previous search was made. Subscribers to Standard SDI Service receive 12 monthly search updates compiled automatically by computer. Custom SDI Service provides subscribers with quarterly updates, each of which is carefully reviewed by a staff scientist to assure relevance to search requirements.

Also available are Investigator or Accession Number Searches performed on principal or coinvestigator name or by SSIE accession or agency control number, and Historical Investigator or Accession Number Searches performed on the historical file which covers five years prior to the active file. On-line Search Service is available through System Development Corporation (SDC) for users with access to a computer terminal who wish to access the file directly. For this service contact SDC at 2500 Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90406 (telephone 213-829-7511) or at 7929 West Drive, McLean, VA 22101 (telephone 703-790-9850).

Details of SSIE system features are contained in the Exchange's booklet RESEARCH INFORMATION SERVICES, available on request. Requests for information about SSIE are generally answered by letter with accompanying brochures. Searches may be ordered by letter, telephone or cable.

User Eligibility: SSIE's services are geared to the professional inquirer. Frequent users include researchers, librarians, information specialists and research program managers in government and private sectors.

Fees: Brochures about SSIE are provided free of charge. Fees vary according to the types of search services desired. Custom Searches cost \$60.00 for the search and the first 50 project notices, and \$.25 for each additional project notice. Estimates of the costs for these searches are available without charge. Research Information Packages cost \$35.00 for up to 25 NRP's; \$45.00 for 26 to 100 NRP's; \$55.00 for 101-200 NRP's; and \$65.00 for 201-300 NRP's, and so on. Standard SDI Service costs \$180.00. Custom SDI Service is \$50.00/quarter for the search and the first 50 NRP's, plus \$.25 for each additional NRP. Fees for Investigator or Accession Number Searches are \$2.00/name or \$1.00/number; minimum order \$10.00. Historical Investigator or Accession Number Searches are \$6.50/name or \$1.50/number; minimum charge \$10.00. The newsletter is \$10.00/year for domestic subscriptions, \$15.00/year for those outside the United States.

Notes: The Smithsonian Science Information Exchange was established in 1949 as the Medical Sciences Information Exchange. The system is designed to complement other scientific and technical information services available from libraries and information centers. SSIE attempts to bridge the gap between the time a research project is initiated and the time its results are published. Individual investigators and research managers use SSIE to: 1) avoid unwarranted duplication of research effort and expenditure, 2) locate possible sources of support for research on a specific topic, 3) identify leads to the published literature or participants for symposia, 4) obtain information to support grant or contract proposals, 5) stimulate new ideas for research planning or innovations in experimental techniques, 6) acquire source data for technical forecasting and development, 7) survey broad areas of research to identify trends and patterns or reveal gaps in overall efforts and 8) learn about current work of a specific research investigator, organization or organizational unit. Among the largest sources of input are: U.S. Departments of: Health, Education, and Welfare (includes the National Institutes of Health), Agriculture, Defense, Transportation and the Interior; National Science Foundation; Environmental Protection Agency; National Aeronautics and Space Administration; American Heart Association; American Cancer Society; Robert A. Welch Foundation; and International Atomic Energy Agency.

The Exchange maintains its own, fully automated data storage and retrieval system; all processing is done in-house. New project information is added to the file daily; records for projects continuing over a period of years are updated annually. SSIE's Medical and Biological Sciences Branches process records for more than 65,000 projects in all areas of these fields each year.

For general information, contact SSIE at the above address. The TELEX number is 89495. Orders for specific search services must be accompanied by check or purchase order: contact the Marketing Manager.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION Office of Selective Placement Programs
1900 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20415
PHONE: 202-632-5687

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Office of Selective Placement Programs is responsible for administering and coordinating Federal personnel practices and procedures. This Program is specifically concerned with hiring, placement and advancement of handicapped individuals, as well as affirmative action employment activities throughout the Executive Branch of government. The major objective is full consideration for employment and use of handicapped persons in Federal Government positions.

SERVICES: The Office provides the following information services to lay and professional inquirers: 1) answers program inquiries by phone or letter, 2) refers inquirers to appropriate job information centers and 3) sends brochures, pamphlets or fact sheets.

The pamphlet, HANDBOOK OF SELECTIVE PLACEMENT, IN FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYMENT OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, THE MENTALLY RESTORED, THE MENTALLY RETARDED, THE REHABILITATED OFFENDER, describes the program in full and is available on request from the U.S. Government Printing Office.

Age: The Office concerns itself with handicapped persons of employment age.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information. Persons in the general public make inquiries most frequently.

Fees: All information is provided free of charge.

Notes: For information, call or write the Office at the above address or contact a local Civil Service Office, using a toll free number located in a local telephone directory.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420
PHONE: 202-389-2214

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS SERVED: Handicapping conditions in general.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Veterans Administration (VA) administers laws covering a wide range of benefits for former members and dependents and beneficiaries of deceased former members of the Armed Forces and to dependent children of seriously disabled veterans.

The Department of Medicine and Surgery, through its health care system of 171 hospitals, 213 clinics and 84 nursing homes in 176 cities and towns and through contractual arrangements with institutions and services in the private sector, provides hospital, nursing home and domiciliary care and outpatient medical and dental care to eligible veterans. It also has extensive programs of medical research and education and training of health manpower.

The Department of Veterans Benefits conducts an integrated program of veterans benefits. 1) The Compensation and Pension Service has responsibility for: claims for disability compensation and pension; automobile allowances and special adapted housing; special clothing allowances; eligibility determinations based on military service for other VA benefits and services or those of other government agencies; and survivor's claims for death compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, death pension, and burial and plot allowance claims. 2) The Education and Rehabilitation Service administers programs for vocational rehabilitation of disabled veterans, readjustment educational benefits for veterans of post-Korea conflict service and educational assistance and special restorative training for wives (husbands) widows (widowers) and children of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled or die from disability incurred or aggravated in active service in the Armed Forces or are prisoners of war or are missing in action. 3) The Veterans Assistance Service provides advice and assistance to veterans, their dependents and beneficiaries, representatives and others in applying for benefits administered by the VA. Benefit information and readjustment assistance is provided to recently separated veterans, including professional guidance in resolving socioeconomic, housing and other related problems. Other benefits include loan guaranty and insurance.

SERVICES: Information on benefits available from the VA is best obtained by contacting a regional or local VA office. The regional office is a field station which grants benefits and services provided by law for veterans, their dependents and beneficiaries within an assigned territory; furnishes information regarding VA benefits and services; adjudicates claims and makes awards for disability compensation and pension; determines eligibility for hospitalization; handles guardianship and fiduciary matters and authorized legal proceedings; aids, guides and prescribes vocational rehabilitation training and administers

educational benefits; guarantees loans for purchase or construction of homes, farms or business property and, under certain conditions, makes direct home loans; processes death claims; aids and otherwise assists the veteran in exercising his/her rights to benefits and services; and supervises VA offices under its jurisdiction. The regional office is also responsible for veterans assistance activities including coordination of efforts of participating agencies in an outreach program to assist returning servicemen, particularly those who are educationally disadvantaged.

The VA Fact Sheet IS-1, FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS, and an INDEX TO VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PUBLICATIONS are available for sale by the Superintendent of Documents. Brochures are also available.

User Eligibility: Any lay or professional person may request information from the VA. Frequent inquirers include veterans and their families. Eligibility requirements for benefits vary.

Fees: Most information is provided free of charge. Fees for publications vary.

Notes: The Veterans Administration was established as an independent agency under the President by Executive Order 5398 in 1930.

For information on benefits contact a local VA office. For general information call or write the VA at the above address or a local VA office. Persons interested in the availability of VA motion pictures or exhibits for showing outside VA may write the Director, Audio Visuals Service (037) at the above address. The VA Information Service handles media requests (202-389-2443). Inquiries of a medical nature should be directed to the Assistant Chief Medical Director for Professional Services (11) at the above address.

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BLINDNESS/VISUAL DISORDERS

Educational Materials for the Blind

Amer Library Assn, Lib Svcs to Blind & Phys Handcapped	42
Amer Printing House for the Blind	51
Braille Circulating Library	69
Hadley School for the Blind	121
Jewish Guild for the Blind	135
Natl Assn for Visually Handicapped	181
Recording for the Blind	251
Xavier School for the Blind	281
*Div for Blind & Physically Hc/Library Congress	283

Employment/Vocational Rehabilitation/Sheltered Workshops

Hadley School for the Blind	121
Jewish Guild for the Blind	135
Natl Industries for the Blind	210
*Comm for Purchase from Blind & Other Severely Hc	346
*Rehab Services Administration/DHEW	331

Eye Banks

Eye-Bank Assn of America	109
Natl Retinitis Pigmentosa Found	222

Music

Louis Braille Found for Blind Musicians	150
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Prevention of Blindness/Health Care

Gesell Inst of Child Dev	113
Lions International	148
Natl Assn for Visually Handicapped	176
Natl Society for the Prevention of Blindness	225
Research to Prevent Blindness	256

Recreation/Sports

Amer Blind Bowling Assn	26
Lions International	148

Religion (religious material or services in special formats for the blind)

Amer Bible Society	25
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Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

BLINDNESS/VISUAL DISORDERS (cont.)

Religion (cont.)

Christian Record Braille Foundation	80
Ephphatha Services for the Deaf and Blind	103
Episcopal Guild for the Blind	107
Gospel Assn for the Blind	116
Jewish Braille Institute of America	133
Jewish Guild for the Blind	135
John Milton Society for the Blind	136
Lutheran Braille Evangelism Assn	151
Lutheran Braille Workers	151
Lutheran Library for the Blind	152
Ministries to the Deaf and Blind	159
Xavier Society for the Blind	281

Research Information

Amer Assn of Workers for the Blind	23
Amer Foundation for the Blind	37
Brain Information Service	70
Eye-Bank Assn of America	109
Gesell Institute of Child Dev	113
Natl Eye Research Foundation	198
Natl Retinitis Pigmentosa Found	222
Natl Society for the Prevention of Blindness	225
Research to Prevent Blindness	256
*Natl Eye Inst/DHEW	308

Veterans Benefits

Blinded Veterans Assn	66
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BLOOD DISORDERS

See also: CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERS, LEUKEMIA, HEMOPHILIA,
SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

Amer Heart Assn	39
*Natl Heart, Lung & Blood Inst/DHEW	309
*Natl Inst of Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313

BRAILLE

See: BLINDNESS/VISUAL DISORDERS--Communication Aids

BURNS

Society for Rehab of the Facially Disfigured	267
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Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

CAMPS/CAMPING

(information or camping operation, for single or various disabilities)

Amer Camping Assn	27
Amer Diabetes Assn	36
Assn for Children with Learning Disabilities	59
Camp Fire Girls	71
Christian Record Braille Foundation	80
Girl Scouts of America Handicapped Girls Program	114
Goodwill Industries of America	115
Gospel Assn for the Blind	116
Ministries to the Deaf and Blind	159
Muscular Dystrophy Assn	162
Natl Cong of Jewish Deaf	191
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
Natl Hemophilia Found	207
Natl Society for Autistic Children, I&R Svc	223
*Natl Park Service/Interior	338

CANCER

See also: LEUKEMIA, OSTOMY

Amer Cancer Society	28
*Natl Cancer Inst/DHEW	306

CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERS

See also: BLOOD DISORDERS, STROKE

Amer Heart Assn	39
Amer Medical Assn, Dept Envrnmntl, Pub & Occup Health	44
*Natl Heart, Lung & Blood Inst/DHEW	309

CAREERS -- SERVICE PERSONNEL

(Career opportunities, educational requirements, qualifications for various professions. Only organizations specifying they had career information are listed, though all professional organizations may be sources of information on their own professions.)

See also: EDUCATION/TRAINING -- SERVICE PERSONNEL

(For careers suitable for handicapped populations, see EMPLOYMENT -- HANDICAPPED)

Amer Assn for Rehabilitation Therapy	19
Amer Assn for Respiratory Therapy	21
Amer Occupational Therapy Assn	47

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

CAREERS -- SERVICE PERSONNEL (cont.)

Council for Exceptional Children	92
Eastern Conf of Rehab Tchrs of the Visually Handcapped	102
Natl Assn for Music Therapy	175
Natl Ctr for Law & the Handicapped	188
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
Natl Rehabilitation Counseling Assn	220

CEREBRAL PALSY

See also: DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

Amer Academy for Cerebral Palsy	9
United Cerebral Palsy Assn	276
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

CEREBROVASCULAR DISORDERS/ACCIDENTS

See: STROKE

CHILDREN/YOUTH

(Organizations listed have a special focus on handicapped children/youth)

Adventures in Movement for the Handicapped	4
Aid to Adoption of Special Kids	5
Amer Academy for Cerebral Palsy	9
Amer Academy of Pediatrics	10
Amer Assn of Psychiatric Services for Children	18
Assn for Children with Learning Disabilities	59
Boy Scouts of America, Scouting for the Handcapped Div	68
Camp Fire Girls	71
Child Welfare League of America	78
4-H Youth Extension Service	111
Gesell Institute of Child Dev	113
Girl Scouts of America Handicapped Girls Program	114
John Tracy Clinic	137
Juvenile Diabetes Foundation	143
Office of Demographic Studies, Gallaudet College	236
*Bureau Ed for the Handicapped/DHEW	296
*Crippled Children's Services/DHEW	303
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314
*Office of Child Development/DHEW	329

CIRCULATORY DISORDERS

See: CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERS

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

CIVIL RIGHTS

(rights established by Federal or state law)

See also: ADVOCACY, LEGAL AID, LEGISLATION

Accent on Information	3
Amer Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities	31
Center on Human Policy	74
Closer Look	81
Mental Disability Legal Resource Ctr	155
Mental Health Law Project	157
Natl Assn of the Physically Handicapped	176
Natl Ctr for Law & the Handicapped	188
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
People-to-People, Comm for the Handicapped	242
*Div for Blind & Physically Hc/Library Congress	283
*Office of Child Development/DHEW	329
*Office for Civil Rights/DHEW	322
*President's Comm on Mental Retardation/DHEW	330

CLEFT PALATE

See also: COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS, CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS, SPEECH THERAPY

Society for Rehab of Facially Disfigured	267
*Natl Inst Dental Res/DHEW	315

CLOTHING

(including shoes, gloves, special clothing needs)

Amputee Shoe & Glove Exchange	55
Clothing Research & Development Foundation	82
Ruth R. Feldman Natl Odd Shoe Exchange	258

CLUB FOOT

See: CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS, MUSCULOSKELETAL/ORTHOPEDIC DISORDERS

COMMUNICATION AIDS

(includes braille, tapes, cassettes, large print, special typewriters, sign language, hearing aids, TDI, etc.)

See: BLINDNESS/VISUAL DISORDERS, DEAFNESS/HEARING DISORDERS

See also: DEAF-BLIND, SPEECH DISORDERS, BIOENGINEERING, EQUIPMENT

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS (includes speech and language disorders).
See also: SPEECH DISORDERS and LANGUAGE DISORDERS separately

Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology	2
Amer Academy for Cerebral Palsy	9
Amer Speech & Hearing Assn	53
Assn for Children with Learning Disabilities	59
Center on Human Policy	74
Closer Look	81
Lions International	148
Natl Assn for Hearing & Speech Action	172
Sertoma Found, Sertoma Ctrs for Comm Dis	262
Sister Kenny Institute	265
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS (no organization covers all malformations)
See also: individual disorders and disorder groups that are relevant

Natl Found March of Dimes	201
Society for Rehab of the Facially Disfigured	267
*Natl Heart, Lung & Blood Inst/DHEW	309
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314

CORRECTIVE TISSUE DISORDER
See also:

Arthritis Foundation	57
*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313

COOLEY'S ANEMIA

Cooley's Anemia Blood & Research Found for Children	91
*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313

COUNSELING

See: FAMILY COUNSELING, VOCATIONAL COUNSELING, SOCIAL SVCS/
COUNSELING

CYSTIC FIBROSIS

See also: METABOLIC-NUTRITIONAL DISORDER, GENETIC DISORDER,
INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM

Cystic Fibrosis Found	96
*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

DANCE

See: ARTS

DAY CARE/HEAD START

*Office of Child Development/DHEW

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DEAF-BLIND (treated here as a distinct disorder. Many organizations for the blind and organizations for the deaf did not indicate that they had information or service also re deaf-blind. Those listed below do.)

Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology	2
Amer Blind Bowling Assn	26
Amer Council of the Blind	33
Amer Library Assn, Lib. Svcs to Blind & Phys Handcapped	42
Amer Speech & Hearing Assn	53
Braille Circulating Library	69
Center on Human Policy	74
Closer Look	81
Clovernook Printing House for the Blind	83
Eastern Conf of Rehab Tchrs of the Visually Handcapped	102
Ephphatha Services for the Deaf and Blind	103
Gesell Institute of Child Dev	113
Gospel Assn for the Blind	116
Hadley School for the Blind	121
Helen Keller Natl Ctr for Deaf-Blind Youths & Adults	123
Interntl Assn of Parents of the Deaf	129
John Tracy Clinic	137
Lions International	148
Lutheran Library for the Blind	152
Ministries to the Deaf and Blind	159
Ministry to the Deaf	160
Natl Assn of the Deaf	171
Natl Catholic Office of the Deaf	185
Perkins School for the Blind	244
Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf	253
Teletypewriters for the Deaf	271
Volunteer Services for the Blind	280
Xavier Society for the Blind	281
*Div for Blind & Physically Hc/Library Congress	283
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

DEAFNESS/HEARING DISORDERS (organizations are listed selectively under the one to five subjects which appear to be their primary concerns)

See also: DEAF-BLIND

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

DEAFNESS/HEARING DISORDERS (cont.)

Accreditation

Conference of Executives of Amer Schools for the Deaf	89
Natl Assn for Hearing and Speech Action	172

Civil Rights

Center on Human Policy	74
Gallaudet College Library	112
Natl Assn of the Deaf	171
Natl Ctr for Law & the Deaf	186
Natl Fraternity Society of the Deaf	203

Communication Aids

Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology	2
Accent on Information	3
Alexander Graham Bell Assn for the Deaf	6
Amer Speech and Hearing Assn	53
Better Hearing Institute	64
Gallaudet College Library	112
John Tracy Clinic	137
Natl Assn of the Deaf	171
Natl Assn for Hearing & Speech Action	172
Natl Hearing Aid Society	206
Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf	253
Teletypewriters for the Deaf	271

Donor Program

Deafness Research Foundation	98
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Education & Rehabilitative Training for Handicapped Individuals

Closer Look	81
Conference of Executives of Amer Schools for the Deaf	89
Convention of Amer Instructors of the Deaf	90
Gallaudet College Library	112
John Tracy Clinic	137
Natl Catholic Office of the Deaf	185
Natl Ctr for Law & the Deaf	186
Natl Fraternal Society of the Deaf	203
Office of Demographic Studies, Gallaudet College	236
Quota International	250

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

DEAFNESS/HEARING DISORDER (cont.)

Education & Training of Service Personnel

Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology	2
Alexander Graham Bell Assn for the Deaf	6
Amer Speech & Hearing Assn	53
Better Hearing Inst	64
Conference of Executives of Amer Schools for the Deaf	89
Convention of Amer Instructors of the Deaf	90
Natl Cong Jewish Deaf	191
Quota International	250

Educational Materials for Handicapped Individuals

Gallaudet College Library	112
Linguistics Research Lab of Gallaudet College	147

Employment/Vocational Rehabilitation

Academy of Rehabilitation Audiology	2
Amer Speech & Hearing Assn	53
Gallaudet College Library	112
Professional Rehab Workers with the Adult Deaf	247
*Rehab Services Administration/DHEW	331

Language Development

Linguistics Research Lab of Gallaudet College	147
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Parent Information/Assistance

Internl Assn of Parents of the Deaf	129
John Tracy Clinic	137
Natl Assn of the Deaf	171

Prevention/Health Care

Better Hearing Inst	64
Lions International	148
Natl Assn for Hearing & Speech Action	172
Sertoma Found, Sertoma Ctrs for Comm Dis	262
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

Recreation/Sports/Arts

Amer Athletic Assn for the Deaf	24
Gallaudet College Library	112

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

DEAFNESS/HEARING DISORDER (cont.)

Recreation/Sports/Arts

International Comm of Silent Sports	131
Lions International	148
Natl Assn of the Deaf	171
Natl Theatre of the Deaf	227
United States Deaf Skiers Assn	279

Religion

Amer Bible Society	25
Ephphatha Services for the Deaf and Blind	103
Episcopal Conf of the Deaf	106
Ministries to the Deaf and Blind	159
Ministry to the Deaf	160
Natl Catholic Office of the Deaf	185
Natl Cong of Jewish Deaf	191

Research Information

Deafness Research Found	98
Linguistics Research Lab of Gallaudet College	147
Natl Assn of the Deaf	171
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

Statistics

Natl Assn of the Deaf	171
Office of Demographic Studies, Gallaudet College	236

Youth Development

Junior National Assn of the Deaf	141
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DENTAL CARE

Dental Guidance Council for Cerebral Palsy	100
Natl Found of Dentistry for the Handicapped	199
*Natl Inst Dental Res/DHEW	315
*Veterans Administration	355

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (used as defined by Federal legislation to include cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, dyslexia, and mental retardation)

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (cont.)

See also: Specific Disorders

Amer Assn of Univ Affltd Progs for Dev Disabled	22
Assn of Mental Health Administrators	62
Mental Disability Legal Resource Ctr	155
Mental Health Law Project	157
Natl Assn of Priv Res Facilities for Mentally Retarded	178
Natl Found of Dentistry for the Handicapped	199
*Developmental Disabilities Office/DHEW	327
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

DEVICES

See: EQUIPMENT

DIABETES (Some organizations concerned with blindness resulting from diabetes may be found under BLINDNESS/VISUAL DISORDERS)

See also: METABOLIC/NUTRITIONAL DISORDERS

Amer Assn of Workers for the Blind	23
Amer Diabetes Assn	36
Amer Medical Assn, Dept Envrnmntl, Pub & Occup Health	44
Juvenile Diabetes Found	143
*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313

DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION

See: HEALTH and specific subjects for which evaluation is done.

DISFIGUREMENT (face and/or extremities)

See also: BURNS, PHYSICAL THERAPY

Society for Rehab of the Facially Disfigured	267
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DOWN'S SYNDROME

See also: MENTAL RETARDATION, MENTAL/EMOTIONAL DISORDERS

Down's Syndrome Congress	101
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

DRIVING

See also: TRANSPORTATION, EQUIPMENT, ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

DRUG ABUSE

See also: MENTAL/EMOTIONAL DISORDERS

Lions International	148
*Natl Clearinghouse for Drug Abuse Info/DHEW	294

DYSLEXIA (one of a number of learning disabilities)

See also: DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, LEARNING DISABILITIES

Assn for Children with Learning Disabilities	59
Orton Society	238
Recording for the Blind	251
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

EDUCATIONAL/TRAINING HANDICAPPED (includes great variety of teaching techniques, innovations, and training information)

See also: EDUCATIONAL MEDIA/MATERIALS

Accent on Information	3
Amer Assn for the Adv of Sci, Proj on Handcppd in Sci	13
Amer Assn for the Ed of Severely/Profoundly Handcppd	15
Amer Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities	31
B'nai B'rith Career & Counseling Service	67
Center for Innovation in Teaching the Handicapped	75
Closer Look	81
Council for Exceptional Children	82
Gesell Inst of Child Development	113
Human Resources Ctr	127
Joseph Bulova School of Watchmaking	138
Natl Catholic Education Assn, Special Ed Dept	183
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
Natl Rehabilitation Counseling Assn	220
People to People, Comm for the Handicapped	242
*Bureau Ed for the Handicapped/DHEW	296
*Div for Blind & Physically Hc/Library Congress	283
*Office of Child Development/DHEW	329
*Veterans Administration	355

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

EDUCATIONAL/TRAINING -- SERVICE PERSONNEL (information for or
about manpower in general handicapped field or in pro-
fessions serving several disabled groups)

See also: CAREERS -- SERVICE PERSONNEL

Adventures in Movement for the Handicapped	4
Amer Academy for Cerebral Palsy	9
Amer Alliance Hlth, Phys Ed & Rec, Info & Resrch Utl Ctr	12
Amer Assn for the Ed of Severely/Profoundly Handcpped	15
Amer Assn for Rehabilitation Therapy	19
Amer Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities	31
Amer Corrective Therapy Assn	32
Amer Occupational Therapy Assn	47
Amer Physical Therapy Assn	50
Assn of Rehabilitation Facilities	63
Center for Innovation in Teaching the Handicapped	75
Closer Look	81
Council for Exceptional Children	82
Gesell Inst of Child Development	113
Human Resources Ctr	127
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
Natl Found March of Dimes	201
Natl Rehabilitation Counseling Assn	220
People to People, Comm for the Handicapped	242
Sister Kenny Institute	265
Society for Rehab of the Facially Disfigured	267
*Bureau Ed for the Handicapped/DHEW	296
*Crippled Children's Services/DHEW	303
*Developmental Disabilities Office/DHEW	327
*Natl Ctr for Health Statistics/DHEW	298
*Office of Child Development/DHEW	329
*Veterans Administration	355

EDUCATIONAL MEDIA/MATERIALS (includes development and provision
of library material, curriculum guides, textbooks, and the
like)

Amer Library Assn, Lib Svcs to Blind & Phys Handcpped	42
B'nai B'rith Career Counseling Service	67
Center for Innovation in Teaching the Handicapped	75
Council for Exceptional Children	92
Materials for Development Ctr	154
Mental Health Materials Ctr	158
Natl Clearinghouse of Rehabilitation Materials	189
Natl Therapeutic Recreation Society	229
*Bureau Ed for the Handicapped/DHEW	296

Organizations covering specific dis-
orders are only listed under disorder
terms.

EDUCATIONAL MEDIA/MATERIALS (cont.)

*Div for Blind & Physically Hc/Library Congress	283
*Natl Library Medicine/DHEW	319

ELDERLY

See: AGED DISABLED

EMOTIONAL DISORDERS (MILD) (These organizations have identified themselves as being concerned with mild forms of emotional disorders.)

See also: MENTAL/EMOTIONAL DISORDERS

Center for Innovation in Teaching the Handicapped	75
Natl Catholic Education Assn, Special Ed Dept	183
Natl Clearinghouse for Mental Health Info/DHEW	294

EMPLOYMENT -- HANDICAPPED (includes large variety of information, such as placement, preparation for employment, assessment of employment capabilities, employment rights, affirmative action programs)

See also: VOCATIONAL COUNSELING, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Accent on Information	3
Amer Academy for Cerebral Palsy	9
Amer Assn for the Adv of Sci, Proj on Handcapped in Sci	13
Amer Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities	31
Amer Library Assn, Lib Svcs to Blind & Phys Handcapped	42
Amer Occupational Therapy Assn	47
B'nai B'rith Career Counseling Service	67
Goodwill Industries of America	115
Human Resources Ctr	127
Just One Break	142
Materials Development Ctr	154
Natl Assn of the Physically Handicapped	176
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adult	195
Natl Rehabilitation Counseling Assn	220
People-to-People, Comm for the Handicapped	242
Rehabilitation International	254
*Bureau of the Census/Commerce	286
*Civil Service Commission	354
*Employment Standards Administration/DOL	339
*Employment & Training Administration/DOL	340
*President's Comm Employment of Handicapped/DOL	342
*Rehab Services Administration/DHEW	331

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

EMPLOYMENT -- SERVICE PERSONNEL (include placement and information)

See also: CAREERS -- SERVICE PERSONNEL

Amer Alliance Hlth, Phys Ed & Rec, Info & Resrch Utl Ctr	12
Amer Assn for Rehabilitation Therapy	19
Amer Corrective Therapy Assn	32
Amer Occupational Therapy Assn	47
Amer Physical Therapy Assn	50
B'nai B'rith Career Counseling Service	67

ENDOCRINE DISORDERS

See also: METABOLIC/NUTRITIONAL DISORDERS, GROWTH DISORDERS

Brain Information Service	70
Human Growth Found	126
Natl Pituitary Agency	220
*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313

END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE

See also: GENITOURINARY DISORDERS

*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313
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EPIDEMIOLOGY

See: STATISTICS

EPILEPSY

See also: DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

Amer Medical Assn, Dept Envrnmntl, Pub & Occup Health	44
Epilepsy Found of America	105
Natl Epilepsy League	197
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

EQUIPMENT (excludes communication aids and prosthetics; includes wide variety of other equipment)

Accent on Information	3
Amer Alliance Hlth, Phys Ed & Rec, Info & Resrch Utl Ctr	12
Amer Occupational Therapy Assn	47
Amer Physical Therapy Assn	50

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

EQUIPMENT (cont.)

Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adult	195
Natl Inst for Rehabilitation Engineering	213
Natl Paraplegia Found	217
People-to-People, Comm for the Handicapped	242
*Div for Blind & Physically Hc/Library Congress	283
*Natl Library Medicine/DHEW	319
*Rehab Services Administration/DHEW	331

FAMILY COUNSELING (includes counseling for coping with handicapped member's problems)

See also: SOCIAL SERVICES/COUNSELING	
Gesell Institute for Child Dev	113
Natl Catholic Education Assn, Special Ed Dept	183

FELLOWSHIP/RESEARCH TRAINING (college and postgraduate level training to service or research professionals)

Amer Academy of Pediatrics, Comm on Child w/Handicaps	10
Natl Rehabilitation Counseling Assn	220
*Natl Cancer Inst/DHEW	306
*Natl Eye Inst/DHEW	308
*Natl Heart, Lung & Blood Inst/DHEW	309
*Natl Inst Allergy & Infectious Dis/DHEW	311
*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314
*Natl Inst Dental Res/DHEW	317
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317
*Rehab Services Administration	331

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (loans or gifts to handicapped individuals for needed equipment, medicine, business ventures, or housing (veterans))

Amer Cancer Society	28
Amer Council of the Blind	33
Gospel Assn for the BLind	116
Leukemia Society of America	145
Lions International	148
Louis Braille Found for Blind Muscians	150
Natl Kidney Found	214
New Eyes for the Needy	234
*Elderly & Handicapped Policy Office/HUD	337
*Small Business Administration	349
*Veterans Administration	355

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

FRIEDREICH'S ATAXIA

See: NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

FUNDING OF PROGRAMS (NON RESEARCH) (grants, contracts for program development, demonstration, etc.)

See also: RESEARCH FUNDING

*Arch & Trans Barriers Compliance Board/DHEW	324
*Bureau Ed for the Handicapped/DHEW	296
*Clearinghouse on the Handicapped/DHEW	325
*Crippled Children's Services/DHEW	303
*Elderly & Handicapped Policy Office/HUD	337
*Developmental Disabilities Office/DHEW	327
*Employment & Training Administration/DOL	340
*Rehab Services Administration/DHEW	331
*Public Svcs Adm/DHEW	334
*Urban Mass Trans Adm/DOT	344

GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS

*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313
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GENETIC COUNSELING

Natl Found March of Dimes	201
Natl Genetics Foundation	204
Natl Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Assn	226
Sickle Cell Disease Found of Greater New York	264

GENETIC DISORDERS (coverage is general; not specific to any disorder)

Amer Academy for Cerebral Palsy	9
Natl Found of Dentistry for the Handicapped	199
Natl Genetics Foundation	204

GENITOURINARY DISORDERS

Natl Kidney Found	214
*Natl Heart, Lung & Blood Inst/DHEW	309
*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313

GRANTS

See: FUNDING OF PROGRAMS, RESEARCH FUNDING

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

GROWTH DISORDERS

See also: METABOLIC/NUTRITIONAL DISORDERS, ENDOCRINE DISORDERS

Human Growth Found	126
Little People of America	149
Natl Pituitary Agency	220
*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314

GUIDE DOGS (organizations which provide guide dogs and mobility training)

Guide Dog Found for the Blind	117
Guide Dogs for the Blind	118
Guiding Eyes for the Blind	119
Internatl Guiding Eyes	131
Leader Dogs for the Blind	144
Lions International	148
Seeing Eye	261

HANDICAPPED CONDITIONS IN GENERAL (omitted as an index category; look under non-medical index terms)

HEADSTART

See: DAY CARE/HEAD START

HEALTH (includes diagnostic evaluation; prevention; care and treatment; health education; and/or research on more than one disorder or disorder group)

See also: REHABILITATION (HEALTH), OCCUPATIONAL/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Amer Academy for Cerebral Palsy	9
Amer Academy of Pediatrics, Comm on Child w/Handicaps	10
Amer Alliance Hlth, Phys Ed & Rec, Info & Resrch Utl Ctr	12
Amer Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities	31
Amer Occupational Therapy Assn	47
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
Natl Found March of Dimes	201
Natl Genetics Found	204
Society for Rehab of the Facially Disfigured	267
*Clinical Center/DHEW	305
*Crippled Children's Services/DHEW	303
*Natl Cancer Inst/DHEW	306

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*Natl Ctr for Health Statistics/DHEW	298
*Natl Eye Inst/DHEW	308
*Natl Health Planning Info Ctr/DHEW	301
*Natl Heart, Lung & Blood Inst/DHEW	309
*Natl Inst Allergy & Infectious Dis/DHEW	311
*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Developments/DHEW	314
*Natl Inst Dental Res/DHEW	315
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317
*Natl Library Medicine/DHEW	319
*Office of Child Development/DHEW	329
*Smithsonian Science Info Exchange	351
*Veterans Administration	355

HEALTH CARE/TREATMENT

See: HEALTH, DENTAL CARE

HEALTH EDUCATION

See: HEALTH

HEARING AIDS

See: DEAFNESS/HEARING DISORDERS -- Communication Aids

HEARING DISORDERS

See: DEAFNESS/HEARING DISORDERS

HEART DISORDERS See: CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERS

HEMIPLEGIA

See: PARALYSIS, NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

HEMOPHILIA

See also: BLOOD DISORDERS

Natl Hemophilia Found	207
*Natl Heart, Lung & Blood Inst/DHEW	309

HEREDITY

See: GENETIC DISORDERS, GENETIC COUNSELING

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

HODGKIN'S DISEASE

Amer Cancer Society	28
Leukemia Society of America	145
*Natl Cancer Institute/DHEW	306

HOMEBOUND

See; SEVERELY DISABLED

HOMEMAKER SERVICES (provision of trained help for individuals and families to maintain them at home)

See also: ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

Natl Council for Homemaker-Home Health Aid Service	194
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HOUSING

See also: ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS

Accent on Information	3
Goodwill Industries of America	115
Natl Assn of the Physically Handicapped	176
Natl Assn of Priv Res Facilities for Mentally Retarded	178
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
*Arch & Trans Barriers Compliance Board/DHEW	324
*Elderly & Handicapped Policy Office/HUD	337
*Veterans Administration	355

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE

See also: GENETIC DISORDERS, NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

Comm to Combat Huntington's Disease	85
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

HYPERTENSION

See: CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERS

IMMUNE DEFICIENCY DISEASE

See also: ARTHRITIS, BLOOD DISORDERS

*Natl Cancer Inst/DHEW	306
*Natl Inst Allergy & Infectious Dis/DHEW	311

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INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM

See also: METABOLIC/NUTRITIONAL DISORDERS, GENETIC DISORDERS

Brain Information Service	70
Natl Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases Assn	226
*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

INCOME MAINTENANCE (AFDC, Work Incentive Program, SSI, etc.)

*Social Security Administration	335
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES

*Natl Inst of Allergy & Infectious Dis/DHEW	311
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INJURIES

See: BURNS, DISFIGUREMENT, SPINAL CORD INJURIES, AMPUTATION, TRAUMA, OCCUPATIONAL/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

INSURANCE (Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, Workmen's Compensation)

See also: SPECIFIC DISORDERS, for provisions of special insurance plans

Amer Medical Assn, Dept Envrnmntl, Pub & Occup Health	44
Human Resources Ctr	127
*Social Security Administration	335

INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf	253
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KIDNEY DISORDERS

See: GENITOURINARY DISORDERS, END-STAGE DISEASE

LANGUAGE DISORDERS

See also: COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

Linguistics Research Lab of Gallaudet College	147
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

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LARYNGECTOMY

See also: COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

Amer Cancer Society	28
*Natl Cancer Inst/DHEW	306

LEARNING DISABILITIES

See also: DYSLEXIA, MINIMAL BRAIN DYSFUNCTION, EDUCATION/
TRAINING -- HANDICAPPED

Amer Academy for Cerebral Palsy	9
Assn for Children with Learning Disabilities	59
Center for Innovation in Teaching the Handicapped	75
Gesell Institute of Child Dev	113
Natl Catholic Ed assn, Special Ed Dept	183
Sister Kenny Institute	265
*Bureau Ed for the Handicapped/DHEW	296
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

LEGAL AID (legal advice and representation)

Amer Council for the Blind	33
Mental Disability Legal Resource Ctr	155
Mental Health Law Project	157
Natl Ctr for Law & the Deaf	186
Natl Ctr for Law & the Handicapped	188

LEGISLATION (information on legislation affecting the handicapped)

See also: CIVIL RIGHTS

Accent on Information	3
Closer Look	81
Council for Exceptional Children	92
Mental Disability Legal Resource Ctr	155
Mental Health Law Project	157
Natl Ctr for Law & the Handicapped	188
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
*Clearinghouse on the Handicapped/DHEW	325
*Div for Blind & Physically Hc/Library Congress	283
*Office of Child Development/DHEW	329

LEPROSY

See: INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

LEUKEMIA

See also: BLOOD DISORDERS

Amer Cancer Society	28
Leukemia Society of America	145
*Natl Cancer Inst/DHEW	306

LIP READING

See: DEAFNESS/HEARING DISORDERS -- Communicative Aids

LUNG DISEASE

See: RESPIRATORY DISORDERS

LYMPHOMAS

See also: CANCER

Leukemia Society of America	145
*Natl Cancer Inst/DHEW	306

MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (help with planning or administering service program)

See also: Specific topics such as REHABILITATION FACILITIES, ACCREDITATION

*Natl Clearinghouse for Alcohol Info/DHEW	290
*Natl CH for Improving the Mgt of Human Svc/DHEW	300
*Natl Health Planning Info Ctr/DHEW	301

MEDICAID

See: INSURANCE

MEDICARE

See: INSURANCE

MENTAL/EMOTIONAL DISORDERS

Amer Assn of Psychiatric Services for Children	18
Assn of Mental Health Administrators	62
Brain Information Service	70
Center on Human Policy	74
Closer Look	81

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

MENTAL/EMOTIONAL DISORDERS (cont.)

Mental Disability Legal Resources Ctr	155
Mental Health Law Project	157
Mental Health Materials Ctr	158
Natl Assn for Mental Health	174
Psych Abstracts Info Svcs, Amer Psych Assn	248
*Natl Clearinghouse for Mental Health Info/DHEW	294

MENTAL RETARDATION

See also: DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, MENTAL/EMOTIONAL DISORDERS

Amer Academy for Cerebral Palsy	9
Amer Academy on Mental Retardation	10
Amer Assn on Mental Deficiency	17
Amer Bible Society	25
Amer Physical Therapy Assn	50
Center for Innovation in Teaching the Handicapped	75
Child Welfare League of America	78
Computer Assisted Placement Service	87
Curriculum R&D Ctr in Mental Retardation	95
Human Resources Center	127
Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation	140
Natl Assn Coordinators State Progs for Mentally Retarded	169
Natl Assn for Retarded Citizens	179
*Bureau Ed for the Handicapped/DHEW	296
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314
*President's Comm on Mental Retardation/DHEW	330

METABOLIC/NUTRITIONAL DISORDERS

*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

MINIMAL BRAIN DYSFUNCTION

See also: NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS, MENTAL RETARDATION, LEARNING DISABILITIES

Assn for Children with Learning Disabilities	59
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

MOBILITY

See: ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

MOBILITY TRAINING (instruction to the blind without guide dogs)

See also: GUIDE DOGS

Amer Assn of Workers for the Blind	23
Carroll Center for the Blind	72
Helen Keller Nat Ctr for Deaf-Blind Youths & Adults	123
Jewish Guild for the Blind	135
Pilot Dogs	245

MONGOLISM

See: DOWN'S SYNDROME

MULTIPLE DISORDERS

See: each specific disorder, SEVERELY DISABLED, DEAF/BLIND

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

See also: NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

Natl Multiple Sclerosis Society	216
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

MUSCLE DISORDERS

See: MUSCULOSKELETAL/ORTHOPEDIC DISORDERS, NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHIES

See also: NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

Amer Academy for Cerebral Palsy	9
Muscular Dystrophy Assn	162
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

MUSCULOSKELETAL/ORTHOPEDIC DISORDERS

Amer Dance Therapy Assn	35
Amer Orthotic & Prosthetic Assn	48
Center on Human Policy	74

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

MUSCULOSKELETAL/ORTHOPEDIC DISORDERS (cont.)

Sister Kenny Institute	265
*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313

MUSIC

See: ARTS

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

See also: NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

Muscular Dystrophy Assn	162
Myasthenia Gravis Found	163
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS (virtually all neurological, or at least neuromuscular disorders covered)

Amer Dance Therapy Assn	35
Brain Information Service	70
Center on Human Policy	74
Closer Look	81
Muscular Dystrophy Assn	162
Sister Kenny Institute	265
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

NEUROMUSCULAR DISORDERS

See: NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

NURSING HOMES

See: RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

OCCUPATIONAL/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (occupational/environmental hazards and precautions)

See also: HEALTH

Amer Medical Assn, Dept Envrnmntl, Pub & Occup Health	44
Natl Society for the Prevention of Blindness	225
*Employment Standards Administration/DOL	339
*Natl Heart, Lung & Blood Inst/DHEW	309

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Amer Occupational Therapy Assn	47
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
*Natl Cancer Inst/DHEW	306

OCCUPATIONS

See: EMPLOYMENT -- HANDICAPPED, CAREERS -- SERVICE PERSONNEL,
EMPLOYMENT -- SERVICE PERSONNEL, VOCATIONAL COUNSELING, VO-
CATIONAL REHABILITATION

OPTICAL AIDS

See: BLINDNESS/VISUAL DISORDERS -- Communicative Aids

ORTHOSES

See: EQUIPMENT

OSTEOPOROSIS

See: MUSCULOSKELETAL/ORTHOPEDIC DISORDERS

OSTOMY

See also: GENITOURINARY DISORDERS, GASTROINTESTINAL DIS-
ORDERS, CANCER

United Ostomy Assn	277
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PARALYSIS (includes the various plegias)

See also: NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS, SPINAL CORD INJURIES/
DEFORMITY/DISEASE, POLIOMYELITIS and individual disorders
resulting in paralysis

Assn of Handicapped Artists	61
Muscular Dystrophy Assn	162
Natl Paraplegia Found	217
Paralyzed Veterans of America	239
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

PARAPLEGIA

See: PARALYSIS

Organizations covering specific dis-
orders are only listed under disorder
terms.

PARENT INFORMATION/COUNSELING

See: ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING, FAMILY COUNSELING

PARKINSON'S DISEASE

See also: NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

Amer Parkinson Disease Assn	49
Natl Parkinson Found	218
Parkinson's Disease Found	241
United Parkinson Found	278
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

PARTIALLY SIGHTED

See: BLINDNESS/VISUAL DISORDERS

PHENYLKETONURIA (PKU)

See: INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Amer Physical Therapy Assn	50
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POLIOMYELITIS

See also: PARALYSIS, NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

Sister Kenny Institute	265
*Natl Inst of Allergy & Infectious Dis/DHEW	311

PRESCHOOL EDUCATION

See: DAYCARE/HEADSTART, EDUCATION/TRAINING -- HANDICAPPED

PREVALENCE/INCIDENCE

See: STATISTICS

PREVENTION

See: HEALTH

PRODUCT LISTING (mail order catalogs of general merchandise, readable by the blind and communication aids for speech disorders)

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

PRODUCT LISTING (cont.)

Science for the Blind Product	259
Trace R & D Ctr for the Sev Comm Handcapped	273

PROSTHETICS

See also: EQUIPMENT, BIOENGINEERING

Accent on Information	3
Amer Orthotic & Prosthetic Assn	48
Natl Amputation Foundation	167
New Eyes for the Needy	234
*Natl Library Medicine/DHEW	319
*Smithsonian Science Info Exchange	351
*Veterans Administration	355

PSYCHONEUROSES

See also: EMOTIONAL DISORDERS (MILD), MENTAL/EMOTIONAL DISORDERS

Amer Dance Therapy Assn	35
Amer Medical Assn, Dept Environmntl, Pub & Occup Health	44
*Natl Clearinghouse for Mental Health Info/DHEW	294

PSYCHOTHERAPY

See: MENTAL/EMOTIONAL DISORDERS, SOCIAL SERVICES/COUNSELING

PSYCHOSES

See also: MENTAL/EMOTIONAL DISORDERS

Amer Dance Therapy Assn	35
Natl Society for Autistic Children, I&R Svc	223
*Natl Clearinghouse for Mental Health Info/DHEW	294

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

See: INCOME MAINTENANCE

PULMONARY DISORDERS

See: RESPIRATORY DISORDERS

QUADRIPLEGIA

See: PARALYSIS

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RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

See: DISFIGUREMENT

RECREATION

See also: SPORTS, THERAPY, CAMPS/CAMPING, ARTS, TRAVEL,
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT/SCOUTING

Accent on Information	3
Amer Alliance Hlth, Phys Ed & Rec, Info & Resrch Utl Ctr	12
Amer Camping Assn	27
Amer Corrective Therapy Assn	32
Amer Natl Red Cross, Swimming Prog for the Handcpped	45
Amer Physical Therapy Assn	50
Amer Wheelchair Bowling Assn	54
Boy Scouts of America, Scouting for the Handcpped Div	68
Camp Fire Girls	71
Closer Look	81
4-H Youth Extension Service	111
Girl Scouts of America Handicapped Girls Program	114
International Handicapped Net	133
Natl Assn of the Physically Handicapped	176
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
Natl Therapeutic Recreation Society	229
Natl Wheelchair Athletic Assn	232
Natl Wheelchair Basketball Assn	233
North American Riding for the Handcpped Assn	235
People-to-People, Comm for the Handicapped	242
Therapeutic Recreation Information Ctr	272
Travel Information Ctr	275
*Div for Blind & Physically H/Library Congress	283
*Natl Park Service/Interior	338

REHABILITATION (HEALTH)

See also: HEALTH, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY, PHYSICAL THERAPY, SPEECH THERAPY, THERAPY

Accent on Information	3
Amer Academy for Cerebral Palsy	9
Amer Alliance Hlth, Phys Ed & Rec, Info & Resrch Utl Ctr	12
Amer Assn for Rehabilitation Therapy	19
Amer Corrective Therapy Assn	32
Amer Occupational Therapy Assn	47
Amer Physical Therapy Assn	50
Human Resources Ctr	127

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REHABILITATION (HEALTH) (cont.)

Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
Natl Rehabilitation Counseling Assn	220
People-to-People, Comm for the Handicapped	242
Rehabilitation International	254
Sister Kenny Institute	265
*Div for Blind & Physically Hc/Library Congress	283
*Natl Library Medicine/DHEW	319
*Rehab Services Administration/DHEW	331

REHABILITATION FACILITIES (Organizations listed are rehabilitation facilities or provide information to administrators of rehabilitation facilities)

Assn of Rehabilitation Facilities	63
Sister Kenny Institute	265
Society for Rehab of the Facially Disfigured	267

RELIGION (religious material or instruction specially formatted for mentally retarded persons, people who cannot hold a book, blind and deaf individuals, and other handicaps)

Amer Bible Society	25
Christian Record Braille Foundation	80
Ephphatha Services for the Deaf and Blind	103
Episcopal Conf of the Deaf	106
Episcopal Guild for the Blind	107
Gospel Assn for the Blind	116
Jewish Braille Inst of America	133
Jewish Guild for the Blind	135
John Milton Society for the Blind	136
Louis Braille Found for Blind Musicians	150
Lutheran Braille Evangelism Assn	151
Lutheran Braille Workers	151
Lutheran Library for the Blind	152
Ministries to the Deaf and Blind	159
Ministry to the Deaf	160
Natl Catholic Ed Assn, Special Ed Dept	183
Natl Catholic Office of the Deaf	185
Natl Cong of Jewish Deaf	191
Xavier Society for the Blind	281

RENAL DISEASE

See: GENITOURINARY DISORDERS, END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

Amer Occupational Therapy Assn	47
Amer Physical Therapy Assn	50
Amer Speech & Hearing Assn	53
Brain Information Service	70
Center for Innovation in Teaching the Handicapped	75
Council for Exceptional Children	92
DATRIX II	97
Dental Guidance Council for Cerebral Palsy	100
Gesell Institute of Child Dev	113
Linguistics Research Lab of Gallaudet College	147
Natl Found March of Dimes	201
Natl Rehabilitation Counseling Assn	220
*Bureau Ed for the Handicapped/DHEW	296
*Clinical Center/DHEW	305
*Div for Blind & Physically Hc/Library Congress	283
*Natl Heart, Lung & Blood Inst/DHEW	309
*Natl Inst Allergy & Infectious Dis/DHEW	311
*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314
*Natl Inst Dental Res/DHEW	315
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317
*Natl Library Medicine/DHEW	319
*Natl Technical Info Svc/Commerce	287
*Rehab Services Administration/DHEW	331
*Smithsonian Science Info Exchange	351

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Amer Academy for Cerebral Palsy	9
Amer Cancer Society	28
Amer Corrective Therapy Assn	32
Amer Heart Assn	39
Amer Lung Assn	43
Amer Parkinson Disease Assn	49
Arthritis Foundation	57
Cooley's Anemia Blood & Research Found for Children	91
Cystic Fibrosis Found	96
Deafness Research Foundation	98
Human Growth Found	126
Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr Foundation	140
Juvenile Diabetes Found	143
Little People of America	149
Muscular Dystrophy Assn	162
Myasthenia Gravis Found	163
Natl Assn for Retarded Citizens	179

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RESEARCH FUNDING (cont.)

Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
Natl Eye Research Foundation	198
Natl Found March of Dimes	201
Natl Hemophilia Found	207
Natl Kidney Found	214
Natl Multiple Sclerosis Society	216
Natl Paraplegia Found	217
Natl Parkinson Found	218
Natl Retinitis Pigmentosa Found	222
Paralyzed Veterans of America	239
Parkinson's Disease Found	241
Research to Prevent Blindness	256
United Cerebral Palsy Assns	276
*Natl Cancer Inst/DHEW	306
*Natl Eye Inst/DHEW	308
*Natl Heart, Lung & Blood Inst/DHEW	309
*Natl Inst Allergy & Infectious Dis/DHEW	311
*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314
*Natl Inst Dental Res/DHEW	315
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317
*Office of Child Development/DHEW	329
*Rehab Services Administration/DHEW	331
*Urban Mass Trans Adm/DOT	344

RESEARCH TRAINING

See: FELLOWSHIP/RESEARCH TRAINING

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Amer Assn of Psychiatric Services for Children	18
Commn on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities	84
Computer Assisted Placement Service	87
Helen Keller Nat Ctr for Deaf-Blind Youths & Adults	123
Jewish Guild for the Blind	135
Joseph Bulova School of Watchmaking	138
Natl Assn of Priv Res Facilities for Mentally Retarded	178
Natl Society for Autistic Children, I&R Svc	223

RESPIRATORY DISORDERS

See also: ASTHMA, CYSTIC FIBROSIS, OCCUPATIONAL/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

RESPIRATORY DISORDERS (cont.)

Amer Assn for Respiratory Therapy	21
Amer Lung Assn	43
Amer Medican Assn, Dept Envrnmntl, Pub & Occp Health	44
*Natl Heart, Lung & Blood Inst/DHEW	309
*Natl Inst Allergy & Infectious Dis/DHEW	311

RETARDATION

See: MENTAL RETARDATION

RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA

See also: BLINDNESS/VISUAL DISORDERS

Natl Retinitis Pigmentosa Found	222
*Natl Eye Inst/DHEW	308

RHEUMATIC DISORDERS

See also: ARTHRITIS, MUSCULOSKELETAL DISORDERS, CARDIO-VASCULAR DISORDERS

Arthritis Foundation	57
*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313

RUBELLA

See also: CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS, INFECTIOUS DISEASES, and disorders resulting from rubella

Rubella Project	257
*Natl Inst Allergy & Infectious Dis/DHEW	311
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

SCHOLARSHIPS

(secondary, college and graduate aid to handicapped persons)

See also: EDUCATION/TRAINING -- HANDICAPPED

Alexander Graham Bell Assn for the Deaf	6
Assn of Handicapped Artists	61
Christian Record Braille Foundation	80
Joseph Bulova School of Watchmaking	138
Louis Braille Found for Blind Musicians	150

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

SCHOLARSHIPS (cont.)

Natl Hemophilia Found	207
Quota International	250

SCOLIOSIS

See: SPINAL CORD INJURY/DEFORMITY/DISEASE, MUSCULOSKELETAL/
ORTHOPEDIC

SCREENING/DETECTION

See: specific disorders

SEEING EYE DOGS

See: GUIDE DOGS

SELF CARE

See: ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

SENIOR CITIZENS

See: AGED/DISABLED

SENSORY AIDS

See: BLINDNESS/VISUAL DISORDERS, DEAFNESS/HEARING DISORDERS --
Communication Aids

SENSORY DISORDERS

See: DEAFNESS/HEARING DISORDERS, BLINDNESS/VISUAL DISORDERS

SEVERELY DISABLED

(Organizations listed have a special focus on the most severely disabled)

Adventures in Movement for the Handicapped	4
Amer Assn for the Ed of Severely/Profoundly Handcapped	15
Goodwill Industries of America	115
Human Resources Ctr	127
Natl Industries for the Severely Handicapped	211
Natl Institute for Rehabilitation Engineering	213

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

SEVERELY DISABLED

Trace R & D Ctr for the Sev Comm Handcapped	273
*Comm for Purchase from Blind & Other Severely Hc	346
*Rehab Services Administration/DHEW	331

SEX EDUCATION

See also: ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

Sex Information & Ed Council of the U.S.	263
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SHELTERED WORKSHOPS

See also: VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Goodwill Industries of America	115
Human Resources Ctr	127
Jewish Guild for the Blind	135
Natl Industries for the Blind	210
Natl Industries for the Severely Handicapped	211
*Comm for Purchase from Blind & Other Severely Hc	346
*Employment Standards Administration/DOL	338
*Rehab Services Administration/DHEW	331

SHOES

See: CLOTHING

SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

See also: BLOOD DISORDERS, GENETIC DISORDERS

Center for Sickle Cell Disease	77
Sickle Cell Disease Found of Greater New York	264
*Natl Heart, Lung & Blood Inst/DHEW	309

SIGN LANGUAGE

See: DEAFNESS/HEARING DISORDERS -- Communication Aids

SKIN DISORDERS

See also: disorders resulting in skin problems

Society for Rehab of the Facially Disfigured	267
*Natl Inst Arthritis, Metabolism & Digestive Dis/DHEW	313

SOCIAL SECURITY

See: INCOME MAINTENANCE, INSURANCE

Organizations covering specific disorders are only listed under disorder terms.

SOCIAL SERVICES/COUNSELING

See also: ADOPTION, FAMILY COUNSELING

Accent on Information	3
Aid to Adoption of Special Kids	5
Amer Alliance Hlth, Phys Ed & Rec, Info & Resrch Utl Ctr	12
Amer Nat Red Cross, Swimming Prog for the Handcppd	45
B'nai B'rith Career & Counseling Service	67
Gesell Institute of Child Dev	113
Natl Catholic Education Assn, Special Ed Dept	183
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
Natl Rahabilitation Counseling ssn	220
*Div for Blind & Physically Hc/Library Congress	283
*Natl Library Medicine/DHEW	319
*Rehab Services Administration/DHEW	331
*Smithsonian Science Info Exchange	351
*Public Svc's Adm/DHEW	334

SOCIAL WORK

See: SOCIAL SERVICES/COUNSELING

SPECIAL EDUCATION

See: EDUCATION/TRAINING -- HANDICAPPED, EDUCATION/TRAINING --
SERVICE PERSONNEL

SPEECH DISORDERS

See also: COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS, CLEFT PALATE, SPEECH THERAPY

Quota International	250
Teletypewriters for the Deaf	271
Trace R & D Ctr for the Sev Com Handcppd	273
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314
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SPEECH THERAPY

Amer Speech & Hearing Assn	53
Society for Rehab of the Facially Disfigured	267

SPINA BIFIDA

See also: CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS

Spina Bifida Assn of America	268
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

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SPINAL CORD INJURY/DEFORMITY/DISEASE

See also: NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS, PARALYSIS, MUSCULOSKELETAL/
ORTHOPEDIC DISORDERS, TRAUMA

Natl Paraplegia Found	217
Paralyzed Veterans of America	239
Scoliosis Research Society	260
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

SPORTS

See also: RECREATION

Amer Athletic Assn of the Deaf	24
Amer Blind Bowling Assn	26
Amer Wheelchair Bowling Assn	54
Internatl Committee of the Silent Sports	131
Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation	140
Natl Assn of the Physically Handicapped	176
Natl Fraternal Society of the Deaf	203
Natl Inconvenienced Sportsmen's Assn	209
Natl Wheelchair Athletic Assn	232
Natl Wheelchair Basketball Assn	233
North American Riding for the Handcapped Assn	235
United States Deaf Skiers Assn	279

STROKE

See also: NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS, CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERS

Amer Heart Assn	39
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
Sister Kenny Institute	265
*Natl Heart, Lung & Blood Inst/DHEW	309
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

STUTTERING

See: SPEECH DISORDERS

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

See: INCOME MAINTENANCE

TALKING BOOKS

See: BLINDNESS/VISUAL DISORDERS -- Communication Aids

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TAY-SACHS DISEASE

See also: GENETIC DISORDERS, NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS, MENTAL RETARDATION

Natl Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Assn	226
*Natl Inst Child Health & Human Development/DHEW	314
*Natl Inst Neurological & Communicative Dis & Stroke/DHEW	317

THERAPY

See also: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, PHYSICAL THERAPY, SPEECH THERAPY

Adventures in Movement for the Handicapped	4
Amer Alliance Hlth, Phys Ed & Rec, Infor & Resrch	
Ult Ctr	12
Amer Assn for Rehabilitation Therapy	19
Amer Assn for Respiratory Therapy	21
Amer Corrective Therapy Assn	32
Amer Dance Therapy Assn	35
Natl Assn for Music Therapy	175
Natl Therapeutic Recreation Society	229
Therapeutic Recreation Information Ctr	272
*Smithsonian Science Infor Exchange	351

THEATRE

See: ARTS

TINNITUS

See also: DEAFNESS/HEARING DISORDERS

TISSUE BANKS/DONORS

(includes free blood; donation or acceptance of organs--inner ear, eye, pituitary, and the like)

Cooley's Anemia Blood & Research Found for Children	91
Deafness Research Found	98
Eye-Bank Assn of America	109
Human Growth Found	126
Natl Kidney Found	214
Natl Pituitary Agency	220
Natl Retinitis Pigmentosa Found	222
Parkinson's Disease Found	241
Sickle Cell Disease Found of Greater New York	264

TRANSPORTATION

(includes barriers, special driving problems, special vehicles and fares)

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TRANSPORTATION (cont.)

Amer Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities	31
Amer Nat Red Cross, Swimming Prog for the Handcpped	45
Natl Assn of the Physically Handicapped	176
Natl Ctr for a Barrier Free Environment	185
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
People-to-People, Comm for the Handicapped	242
*Arch & Trans Barriers Compliance Board/DHEW	324
*Urban Mass Trans Adm/DOT	344

TRAUMA

(emergency medical treatment for the critically injured)

See: BURNS, SPINAL CORD INJURY/DEFORMITY/DISEASE, etc.

TRAVEL

(organizations specializing in tours and travel arrangements for handicapped people)

Ability Tours	1
Evergreen Travel Service	108
Flying Wheels Tours	110
Handy-Cap Horizons	122
Rambling Tours	251
Travel Information Ctr	275

TREMORS

See: NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

TUBERCULOSIS

See: RESPIRATORY DISORDERS

TUBEROUS SCLEROSIS

See also: NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

Natl Tuberous Sclerosis Assn	230
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TURNER'S SYNDROME

See: ENDOCRINE DISORDERS

VETERANS

(organizations for veterans or having special programs/preference for veterans)

Amer Nat Red Cross, Swimming Prog for the Handcpped	45
AMVETS	56

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VETERANS (cont.)

Blinded Veterans Assn	66
Disabled Amer Veterans	101
Natl Assn of Concerned Veterans	168
Paralyzed Veterans of America	239
*Employment & Training Administration/DOL	340
*Veterans Administration	355

VISION/VISUAL DISORDERS

See: BLINDNESS/VISUAL DISORDERS

VOCATIONAL COUNSELING

B'nai B'rith Career & Counseling Service	67
Joseph Bulova School of Watchmaking	138
Materials Development Ctr	154
Natl Catholic Education Assn, Special Ed Dept	183
Society for Rehab of the Facially Disfigured	267
*Employment & Training Administration/DOL	340

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

(includes vocational training and allied services)

See also: SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, REHABILITATION (HEALTH),
EMPLOYMENT -- HANDICAPPED

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B'nai B'rith Career & Counseling Service	67
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Human Resources Ctr	127
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Materials Development Ctr	154
Natl Clearinghouse of Rehabilitation Materials	189
Natl Easter Seal Soc for Crippled Child & Adults	195
Natl Rehabilitation Counseling Assn	220
People-to-People, Comm for the Handicapped	242
Rehabilitation International	254
*Rehab Services Administration/DHEW	331
*Veterans Administration	355

WELFARE

See: INCOME MAINTENANCE

WHEELCHAIRS

See: Equipment

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT/SCOUTING

(includes recreational activities in youth groups, development of leadership, "character building")

Boy Scouts of America, Scouting for the Handcapped Div	68
Camp Fire Girls	71
4-H Youth Extension Service	111
Girl Scouts of America Handicapped Girls Program	114
Junior National Assn of the Deaf	141
Natl Assn for Retarded Citizens	179
Natl Assn for Visually Handicapped	181

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not to be included in the Directory:

Association of Medical Rehabilitation Directors
and Coordinators

Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology

Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration

National Association of State Mental Health Program
and Blindness

National Committee for Research in Ophthalmology
and Blindness

National Consortium for Child Mental Health Services

National Federation of the Blind

National Rehabilitation Association

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